

Kathleen A. O'Dell, PhD

Education

- June 2017 Doctor of Curriculum and Instruction
Concentration: Multicultural and International Early Childhood
Education
Kent State University
Dissertation Title: How Preservice Teachers Experience
Becoming Internationally Minded Through Primary Years
Programme Certification
- May 2002 Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood Education
Kent State University.
- May 1994 Bachelor of Arts, International Political Science
University of Hawaii at Hilo

Certifications

- Pre-K-3rd grade teaching license for the Ohio Department of
Education
- Montessori Educators International - Early Childhood Certificate
- International Baccalaureate Certificate in Teaching and
Learning - Primary Years Programme PreK-6th
- Certificate Family Engagement in Education – Harvard Edx
- Standards of Quality Family Strengthening and Support -
Trainer Certification - National Family Support Network
- Playful Literacy - Professional Learning International, Dr. Jo
Fahley
- Stetson & Associates, Inclusion Trainer Certificate
- Ci3T Train the Trainers Professional Learning Series
Certification

Professional Experience

2022-present

‘Ohana Family Support Network Coordinator

- Organize and manage a statewide cross-organizational network to support Family Resource Centers
- Network and member expansion and capacity building
- Communication and website development
- Grant application and management
- Family Resource Center consulting and coaching

2022-present

Curriculum Developer/Instructor, Windward Community College

- Developing course in Human Development and Family Studies to create a two year degree and pathway to University of Hawaii's four year degree
- Instructing courses in Human Development and Human Studies

2017-2022

Complex Academic Officer, Kailua-Kalaheo Complex, Hawaii Department of Education

- Complex lead for Equity, Inclusive Practices, and Early Learning
- Developed Complex Early Learning plan, designing and delivering professional development with the Special Ed PreK Resource Teacher for all PreK staff
- Part of the complex superintendent's academic team to assist principals, teachers and staff in school transformation and professional development
- Evaluates and monitors teacher and school effectiveness to provide targeted support based on needs
- Supervision of complex resource teachers
- Title 1 budget monitoring
- Developed surveys to collect and analyze Complex data
- Established and chaired a Complex Equity Committee to bring the representatives of at risk sub groups together in discourse and action towards equal access to learning and family engagement.
- Designed and wrote a monthly Complex Equity Enewsletter
- Developed and delivered a 7 Step plan to increase homeless awareness for all Complex faculty and staff
- Organized a district wide MTSS committee to collaborate efforts to work with the School Service Coordinators to insure tiered support for all students

- AVID Complex Lead, evaluating, monitoring and supporting the five AVID schools in the complex
- Designed and taught a hybrid (online/face to face) Co-Teaching Pde3 class
- Researched and analyzed the Complex Family Engagement practices, providing results and professional development to all Complex Professional Learning Networks
- Established quarterly Family Engagement meetings for Complex PCNCs and Family Engagement Leads
- Started Family Resource Centers at four KK Complex schools
- Developed a statewide cross-organizational Family Resource Center Network and Advisory Board which joined the National Family Support Network
- Managed Kamehameha Grant for Family Resource Centers
- Managed Kamehameha Grant for Kaiapuni Preschool
- Managed Governor's GEER Grant for Family Resource Centers

2013-2017

Instructor and Research Assistant of at Kent State University

- Taught classes to face to face and online classes to preservice early childhood education teachers; subjects included early childhood theory and practice, family engagement, multicultural education, and International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
- Professional service including grant writing, research, teacher evaluation, student teaching coordination, planning committees, and preschool standards alignment for program certification

2008-2019

Owner, Kindermusik at Western Reserve Center for the Arts

- Licensed Kindermusik Educator, teaching ages 0-7
- Provided in class education for parents/caregivers
- Curriculum and instruction, modification and adaptation
- Hired, trained, monitored, and evaluated Kindermusik Educators
- Owned and operated business with over 150 students in multiple locations and six teachers
- Marketing, advertising, budgeting, communication, and organization of all aspects of the business
- Planned and implemented family engagement events

2004-2013

Owner, The Nanny Connection

- Entrepreneur, planned, established, and operated a unique nanny placement agency
- Placed over 300 nannies with families long term
- Managed an on call babysitting service with over 200 on call babysitters
- Marketing, advertising, budgeting, communication, and organization of all aspects of the business
- Vetted, hired, trained, evaluated, and monitored nannies
- Worked with each family individually to determine the type of service and individual they needed

2002-2004

Classroom Teacher

- Montessori trained
- Taught PreK to 3rd grade classrooms in a public Montessori school for Cleveland Municipal School District
- Administered, monitored, and evaluated preschool program and the Head Start funds to plan and provide monthly field trips
- Planned, organized, and orchestrated monthly preschool family engagement events
- Grade Level Chair
- Designed panel and presented at the district's multilingual/multicultural conference

2000-2001

Preschool Teacher/Center Director

- Coordinated Children's Program during the summer of 2001 at the Kent State Child Development Center
- Hired, trained and scheduled student staff, program admission and management
- Planned and provided family engagement for the center
- Taught in a Reggio inspired preschool classroom for 3-5 year olds

1995-1999

English Teacher/Foreign Staff Manager

- Taught English as a second language to children ages 3 and up at Uitas English Academy in Fujiyoshida, Japan
- Responsible for planning and teaching all classes for ages 3-5
- Curriculum development, creating original, developmentally appropriate teaching materials
- Planned and supervised school wide student and family events and field trips
- Hired, trained and managed new foreign teachers

1994-1995

Registered Nanny

- Organized activities, supervised play, insured safety, health, and well-being while providing enriching, developmentally appropriate experiences for ages 0-3

1994

Committee Clerk

- Committee clerk for Hawaii Representative Virginia Isbell, Chair of the Housing Committee
- Prepared for committee meetings, scheduled hearings, and tracked bills, filed notices, monitored deadlines, researched, and assisted in drafting bills

1990-1994

Hawaii A+ Certified Site Coordinator

- French teacher, Group Leader, then Site Coordinator of a Hawaii Department of Education after school program with 125 children

Instructor of Record, Kent State University

2014

ECED 40142 Home, School and Community Partnerships in Diverse Contexts, Guest Lecturer

2014

ECED 30164 Preschool Education, Guest Lecturer presenting Multicultural Education Lesson

2014-2015

ECED 30164 Preschool Education

2014-2015

ECED 40142 Home, School and Community Partnerships in Diverse Contexts

2015

ECED 60151 Sociomoral Environments in Early Childhood Education, Guest Lecturer

2015

ECED 30164 Preschool Education, Guest Lecturer presenting Montessori Lessons

2015-2016

US 10097 First Year Experience

2015-2016

ECED 30142 Partnerships and Guidance

2017

ECED 40123/50123 Critical Inquiry into Integrated Curriculum

2017

ECED 40165 Integrated Application of Preschool Curriculum

Professional Development Instructor, Hawai'i Department of Education

2017-2021

Multi-tiered Systems of Support Overview
 Family Engagement for Parent Community Network Centers
 Family Engagement for English Language Coordinators
 Family Engagement for Title 1 Linkers
 Family Engagement for Title 1 Coordinators
 Family Engagement in Early Childhood Education
 Engaging Families Virtually
 LGBTQ+ Awareness Staff and Faculty Training
 Homeless Awareness Staff and Faculty Training
 Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis
 Assessment in Early Childhood Education
 Inclusive Practices for Staff and Faculty
 Co-Teaching in the Classroom
 Universal Design for Learning
 The Project Approach in Early Childhood Education

Anti-Bias Education
 Drama, Storytelling, Music, Movement in Early Childhood Education
 Learning Through Play - The How and Why
 The Secrets to Successful Circle Time
 Playful Literacy in Early Childhood Classrooms
 Creating Engaging Invitations to Learning
 Designing an Environment for Learning
 Conflict Resolution in Early Childhood Education Classrooms
 Social Emotional Learning with Young Children
 Math that Engages Young Minds
 Reflective Practice in Early Childhood Education
 Authentic Assessment in Early Childhood Education
 Trauma Informed Practices in Early Childhood Education
 Complex Family Engagement Professional Learning Network Training

Professional Service

2014	Assisted in writing an awarded Workshop Grant Proposal from KSU
2014	University Teaching Council for the KSU Child Development Center Planning committee for STEAM summer camp for KSU Child Development Center
2014	Planning Committee for KSU Child Development Center Visitation Day
2014	Planning Committee for KSU Child Development Center auction and fundraiser
2014	Aligned activities/assessments with Ohio Standards for Step Up to Quality certification for the KSU Child Development Center
2014	Faculty supervisor for undergraduate trip to Toronto, Canada to observe IB/PYP schools
2014	Observed, facilitated social skill groups and provided data and reflections for Dr. Janice Kroeger's Bridge to Kindergarten program in schools in Akron, Ohio
2015	edTPA (Teacher Performance Assessment) scorer
2015	Assisted in creating the Montessori Curriculum in a Cupboard for the Early Childhood Education Department
2015	Created an instructional video for the Montessori Curriculum for KSU
2015	Block III Preservice Teacher Supervisor/Coordinator
2016	IB Symposium Committee Member planning for 2016 international conference at Kent State University
2018	WASC Visiting Committee Member
2021	Chair WASC Visiting Committee
2020-2022	Member Hawaii DOE Trauma Grant Committee
2020-2021	Hawaii Statewide Family Engagement Partner
2020-2022	Co-Chair Hawai'i 'Ohana Support Network
2020-2021	Member Hawaii National Governors Association Learning Cohort

- 2022 Member National Family Support Network Family Resource Center Learning Hub Committee
- 2022 Hawai'i Early Literacy Continuum Workgroup Leadership
- 2022 Hawai'i State Coalition for Community Schools

Book Reviews

- 2019 O'Dell, K. , Souto-Manning, M. (2013). *Multicultural teaching in the early childhood classroom: Approaches, strategies and tools*. In *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Education*. Online Journal, Australia.

Presentations

- 2015 The IBPYP Journey, Poster Presentation, University Education, Health and Human Services Gallery, Kent State University
- 2016 The Journey to International Mindedness, International Baccalaureate Educators Conference, Kent State University
- 2017 White Girls Go Global: Becoming International, Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education International Conference, Taopo, New Zealand
- 2017 International Mindedness through IBPYP Certification, American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2017 Reflections on the Early Childhood Preservice Teacher's Journey to International Mindedness. UTC Conference Poster Presentation, Kent State University
- 2019 The Journey Towards Equity in Family Engagement, Schools of the Future Conference, Honolulu Hawaii
- 2020 Parenting During the Pandemic, Ohana Engagement Conference
- 2020 Family Resource Centers, Ohana Engagement Conferences
- 2021 Pac Rim Conference: A Journey Towards Equity in Family Engagement
- 2021 National Family Support Network National Briefing - School Based Family Resource Centers
- 2021 National Governors Association National Meeting - Hawaii's Family Resource Centers
- 2021 Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund - Family Resource Centers
- 2022 National Family Support Network Webinar Wednesdays - Hawai'i Family Resource Centers
- 2022 Early Childhood Action Strategies - Families and Early Literacy
- 2022 Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Partner Seminar - Partnerships for Engaging Families
- 2022 Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance Conference: Engaging Families, Communities, and Schools

Editorial Work

2015-2022 Journal of Family Diversity, Reviewer
2015-2022 Sage, Open Reviewer

Professional Organizations

2015-2022 Association for Childhood Education International, Member
2015-2022 National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators, Member
2015-2022 National Association for the Education of Young Children, Member
2015-2022 National Association of Multicultural Education, Member
2015-2022 Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education, Member
2015-2022 American Educational Research Association, Member
2018-2022 Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
2020-2022 National Family Support Network

Community Leadership

2007 Graduate of Leadership Hudson
2007 Business Woman of the Year Hudson, Ohio
2008 President Hudson Rotary
2008-2021 Member Rotary International and Paul Harris Fellow
2019-2020 District Coordinator, Rotary International Convention 2020
2019-2022 Member Kailua United Methodist Church Parish Staff Relations
2022-2023 Kailua United Methodist Preschool Parish Staff Relations Liaison
2020-2022 Co-Chair, Hawai'i State 'Ohana Family Support Network