

Melissa Casteel, EdD

STATE CREDENTIALS/LICENSURE

- Illinois Professional Educator License
- Early Childhood endorsement (Type 04)
- General Administrative endorsement (Type 75)
- Learning Behavior Specialist endorsement (6/2018)
- Illinois Director Credential, Level III
- Early Childhood Education Credential, Level V

SELECTED INSTITUTE AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

A Great Place to Work: Creating a Healthy Organizational Climate. Leadership in Action: How Effective Directors Get Things Done. Directors Toolbox Training-for-Trainers, Los Angeles, CA, 2018

Leadership in Action: How Effective Director's Get Things Done. Inspiring Peak Performance: Competence, Commitment and Collaboration. Taking Charge of Change Leadership Institute, Wheeling, IL, 2017

Inspiring Peak Performance: Competence, Commitment, and Collaboration, Quality Improvement Network, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Washington, DC, 2017

Leadership Academy: Director's Toolbox Management Series - Training-for-Trainers Leadership in Action: How Effective Directors Get Things Done; A Great Place to Work: Creating a Healthy Organizational Climate; and Inspiring Peak Performance: Competence, Commitment, and Collaboration, Orange County Department of Education, CA, 2016-2017

Supporting Effective Teaching and Learning: The Lead Learn Excel Process, QRIS (Quality Rating and Improvement Systems) National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2016

Leadership in Action: How Effective Directors Get Things Done. A Great Place to Work: Creating a Healthy Organizational Climate. Directors Toolbox Training-for-Trainers, Tacoma, WA, 2016

Inspiring Peak Performance: Competence, Commitment, and Collaboration, Training-for-Trainers. Taking Charge of Change Leadership Institute, Wheeling, IL, 2016

Using Program Quality and Teacher Effectiveness Observation Tools to Move Beyond Compliance to Improve Program and Teacher Quality, Illinois Birth Through Third Grade Institute, Illinois State University, 2015

Accidents Happen: Why Risk It? Preconference Session, Leadership Connections: National Leadership Conference, Wheeling, IL, 2015

The Role of Individual Professional Development Plans in Quality Improvement, Statewide Supports for Continuous Quality Improvement: An Early Learning and Development Community of Practice, Naperville, IL, 2014

From Seed to Harvest: A Portrait of Maywood Fine Arts Association Harvesting a Culture of Community, Adult and Continuing Education Doctoral Research Forum, Chicago, 2013

Telling Our Stories, Transforming Our Lives, 10th International Conference on Transformative Learning, San Francisco, 2012

SELECTED ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS

Program Administration Scale Assessor Reliability Training (5 days)

Child 360, Los Angeles, CA, 2018

United Way of Miami, FL, 2018

San Diego County Office of Education, San Marcos, CA, 2018

Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, Commerce, CA, 2017

California Mentor Program, Danville, CA 2017

California Department of Education – Early Education and Support Division, Pomona, CA, 2017

Professional Impact New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ, 2016

Arkansas State University Childhood Services, Little Rock, AR, 2015

Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care (4 days)

Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, Chatsworth, CA, 2017

Supporting Directors as the Gatekeeper to Quality (3 days)

Child Care Resources Inc., Charlotte, NC 2016

Center for Early Learning Professionals, Warwick, RI, 2016

Colorado Office of Early Childhood, Red Rock, CO, 2017

Understanding Systems Thinking and Developing Systems (2 days)

Grand Beginnings, Winter Park, CO, 2017

San Diego County Office of Education, San Diego, CA, 2017

Center for Early Learning Professionals, Warwick, RI, 2016

Connecticut Association for the Education of Young Children, New Haven, Danbury, East Hartford, and Waterford, CT, March-May 2016

Thompson Child and Family Focus, Charlotte, NC, 2016

Leading the Way to Quality: The Director's Role

Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Irvine, CA, June 2016

Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Walnut Creek, CA, June 2016

The Power of Peer Learning Teams, Assessor Facilitator Training, Wheeling, IL 2014

Reflective Supervision in Practice: A Relationship for Learning, Ounce of Prevention Professional Development Seminar, Chicago, 2012

Promoting Quality with the School Age Care Environment Rating Scale (two-day training) The After School Specialist Project, Illinois After School Network, Bloomington IL, 2010

Assessing Environments with the School Age Care Environment Rating Scale (two-day training) and two practice observations, Chicago Department of Children and Family Services, 2010

Getting Ready for the PAS, Spring After School Conference, Illinois After School Network, Chicago, 2009

Where's the Map? Using the FCCERS-R to Guide your Program Toward High Quality Care and Education for Children, Opening Minds Conference, Chicago Metro Association for the Education of Young Children, 2009