

MYRA MIDDLETON-VALENTINE, P.H.D.

FUNCTIONAL SUMMARY

Retired, Director of Exceptional Student Education, Flagler County Public Schools, Bunnell, FL (completed 37 years in public education)

It is my belief that as educators, we are responsible for insuring that students are provided the necessary tools and taught in a manner that will help them reach their full potential towards becoming productive citizens.

As a district administrator, I was responsible for district-wide administration of all special education programs and services, psychological services, mental health support, and Medicaid services. I also served as the district's 504 Coordinator for the Office of Civil Rights compliance.

My duties included writing annual entitlement grant and managing \$4million dollar department budget; developing and implementing new and innovative programs to meet changing needs in special education; organizing and initiating various parent and teacher activities; keeping abreast of compliance and legal issues in state and federal school laws as I worked with other school administrators, attorneys, parents and community advocates.

As an Adjunct Professor I am responsible for educating perspective teachers through classroom teaching and field experience observation to insure high standards for the teaching profession.

EMPLOYMENT

1972 – 1990, Volusia County Schools, Daytona Beach, FL

Teacher, Staffing Specialist, Special Ed Supervisor, Parent Education Specialist, and Director of Special Education Operations

1990 – 1994, Ohio State Department of Education, Columbus, Ohio

Research Associate for the Ohio Special Ed Consortium

1994 – March 1999, Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, FL

Area Director, Exceptional Student Education and Student Services

March 1999 – June 2010 (retired), Flagler County Public Schools,
Bunnell, FL

Director, Exceptional Student Education and Student Services

August 2010 – 2012

Adjunct Professor, School of Education

Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, FL

August 2010 - Present
Adjunct Professor/Intern Supervisor
Department of Education
Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL

Other Employment:

1973 – 1976, Daytona Beach Community College, Daytona Beach, FL
Adult Basic Education Teacher

1998 – 1999, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Adjunct Professor, Special Education Department

2011 – June 2015
Educational Consultant
Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRDR) – FLDOE/BEEES

EDUCATION

1972 Bachelors of Arts, Special Education
University of South FL., Tampa, FL
1978 Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision
University of Central FL, Orlando, FL
1994 Ph.D., Behavior Disorders and
Educational Support Services Leadership
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Additional Studies towards certification in Specific Learning Disabilities, Guidance and Counseling at Stetson University, Deland, FL. Completed “Leadership OCPS” with Orange County Public Schools; Completed principal training program with Volusia and Orange County Schools. Trained education mediator by the Justice Center of Atlanta, GA.

MEMBERSHIPS

Currently:

- Council for Administrators in Special Education (CASE)
- National Council for Exceptional Children
- University Women of Flagler
- Community Partnership for Children Board of Directors
- Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Palm Coast
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Ivy Community Foundation, Inc
- Easter Seals of Volusia/Flagler Board of Directors

Past:

- Phi Kappa Phi Honors Fraternity
- Stewart-Marchman Act - Board of Directors (Chairperson, 2002-2004)

Vince Carter Sanctuary Community Council

Community Alliance for Children Board (Department of Children and Families)

PUBLICATIONS

Middleton, M. B. (1996). Staff development: Inservice training for quality early childhood programs in integrated settings. *Case in Point*, 10 (1), 11-20.

Middleton, M. B and Cartledge, G. (1995). The Effects of social skills instruction and parental involvement on the aggressive behaviors of African American males, *Behavior Modification*, 19 (2), 192-210.

Cartledge, G. and Middleton, M. B. (1995). Taking part: A social skills curriculum for young children. Research Press: New York.

Presentations at conferences and workshops in the areas of school administration, behavior disorders, behavior management, parent involvement, special education programs and instructional strategies, and cultural diversity.

AWARDS RECEIVED

Various community and civic awards for community service and educational leadership, including:

2002 - Outstanding Educator for Flagler County Schools by the National Association of Professional and Business Women's Club of Palm Coast.

2009 – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Chi Delta Omega Chapter, Outstanding Member of the Year.

June 2015 – selected by the African American Cultural Society, Inc. of Palm Coast as a “Phenomenal Woman Award” recipient.

Myra Middleton-Valentine, Ph.D.

Additional Noteworthy Information

Since March of 1999 I have served as Director of Exceptional Student Education and Student Services with Flagler County Public Schools, which includes responsibility for the following:

1. Supervision and coordination for all Exceptional Student Education programs and Services (District staff includes: 3 staffing specialists, 2 behavior specialists, 2 secretaries).
2. Supervision and coordination of all Student Services Programs and Services (District staff includes: 3 school psychologists, 2 school social worker, 1 secretary). Developed the job position for the first school social worker and behavior specialist in Flagler Public Schools.
3. Develop and monitor the IDEA budget of 1.7 million dollars and a general budget of \$750,000.
4. Supervise services to school based counselors (21).
5. Supervise services to school nurses (8) and the comprehensive school health plan.
6. District liaison with the school board attorney for student issues.
7. Developed and supervise the implementation of many contracts for services to the district, including ACT Corporation, Easter Seals, Special Communication and others.
8. Supervise all services of the district's Full Service Schools program for mental health counseling and interagency agreements.
9. Developed and monitors the district's Medicaid Services of over \$100,000 in direct billing.
10. Coordinator for Section 504 compliance and services
11. Serves as coordinator of the District Discipline Review Committee (expulsion reviews). Developed the first committee review process and forms.
12. Represents the district on the Community Alliance Committee with the Department of Children and Families.
13. Developed and implements a functional ESE Parents Advisory Committee.
14. Has written and been awarded over \$500,000 in competitive grants.
15. Expanded speech services to have therapists in every school.
16. Implemented a "clinic" for the evaluation of preschool children suspected of a disability.
17. Develops and monitors the district's state plan for services in ESE.

Annual evaluations indicate a high level of competence and efficiency in problem-solving ability, productivity, organization, interpersonal skills, written and oral communication. Noted to be a leader who is firm, fair and consistent with ability to adapt to change that produces positive results.