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Education

Ed. S. Educational Leadership	University of Georgia
Ph. D. Educational Policy Studies	Georgia State University
Concentration in Social Foundations	

Certifications

National Dropout Prevention Specialist	2017
National Dropout Prevention Network Trauma Skilled Schools	2018
UCLA Center for Mental Health in Schools	
School Leadership Specialist	2010
University of Virginia Darden School of Business	2010
Executive Leadership Program	
Leadership Coach for Educators, Georgia School	
Superintendents Association	2010
International Baccalaureate Head of School Authorization	2007
Harvard University Leadership for Special	
Needs Learners	2003
Institute of Languages and Culture Cuauhnahuac	
Cuernavaca, Mexico	2002
Harvard University Principal Leadership Institute	2000

Core Qualifications

- Experience and success in facilitating collective impact in organizations for positive change;
 - Experience in building positive school, family, and community partnerships;
 - Demonstrated experience in facilitating change through project management systems;
 - Demonstrated experience in site- based school governance;
 - Successfully design and apply school improvement processes;
 - Ability to apply systems-based process to integrate work of schools, families, and the community.
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Experience

- Unified Systems of Support Professional Development
Field Associate for the UCLA School Mental Health Project
January 2023 – present
- Coach and Consultant for Scholastic Professional Learning: Learning Supports and Family Community Engagement- Partnership with UCLA Center for Mental Health in Schools
 - Alabama State Department of Education 2014-2018
 - New Hampshire Department of Education 2018-2019
 - New York City Public Schools 2018-2022
 - North Rock Creek Schools, Shawnee, OK 2016-2017
 - Brocton Central Schools, Brocton, NY 2015-2016
 - Jefferson County Schools, CO 2015-2016
- Faculty of National Dropout Prevention Network- Successful Practices Network Trauma-Skilled Schools 2014-2016
- Project Coordinator of Alabama Strong Principal Leadership Institute 2015-2018
- Consultant-Coach for South Carolina Priority Schools 2014-2015
- Superintendent of Gainesville, GA City Schools 2008-2016
- Principal and Head of School-Fair Street International Baccalaureate PYP Gainesville, GA 2001-2008
- Established full-service Community School – National Coalition of Community Schools Award 2007
- Developed official Professional Learning School with Brenau University
- Conducted multiple state - regional institutes and workshops on family engagement for Latino parents and effective support services

Recent Presentations

CommUnity: A School and Community Initiative to Confront Unconscious Bias. National Dropout Prevention Network National Conference. 13 October 2022.

Confronting Unconscious Bias. Louisiana Department of Education College and Career Readiness. Meeting for Directors, Supervisors, and Attendance Stakeholders. 9 March 2022. Virtual Presentation.

CommUnity: A School and Community Initiative to Confront Unconscious Bias. National ESEA Conference. New Orleans, LA- 19 February 2022.

Confronting Unconscious Bias: Leading Schools and Youth Service Agencies to Address Bias and Improve Equity. United Way of Hall County. Gainesville, GA- 19 September 2021 and 12 November 2021.

Organize-Align-Integrate: Success with Mental Health and Wrap-Around Supports. National ESEA Conference: Atlanta, GA- 7 February 2020.

Systems of Supports for Mental Health: Creating and Sustaining Healthy Schools and Communities. Georgia School Counselors Association State Conference. Augusta, GA- 13 November 2019.

How to Make Courageous Decisions that Promote Equity and Guide Positive Change. National Dropout Prevention Conference. Denver, CO- 8 October 2019.

Addressing Mental Health: Providing a System of Support and Learning. ASCD Empower19 Conference. Chicago, IL- 17 March 2019.

Organize, Align, Integrate: Designing Schools to Serve At-Risk Learners. At-Risk Youth National Forum. Myrtle Beach, SC- 19 Feb 2019.

Addressing the Barriers of Mental Health: A Schoolwide Approach. National ESEA Conference. Kansas City, MO- 1 Feb 2019.

Publications of Note

Dyer, M. "The Learning Supports Pathway: An Integrated Model of School Improvement." *Edu@Scholastic*, July 5, 2017.

Dyer, M., Borrero, N, Esposito, & Barillas, M. "Top Notch Supports for Language Learners: Learning to Lead." *Educational Leadership*, Vol. 66, No. 7, April 2009, ASCD.