

# RESUME | JEFF A JOHNSON

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## PROFESSIONAL GOAL

Work with fun and interesting people on fun and interesting projects that support and promote play, child-led learning, and caregiver self-care.

## EXPERIENCE

2003-Present

### **Owner | Explorations Early Learning**

I provide in-person, live on-line, and on-demand early learning trainings as well as create and curate early learning resources in the form of podcasts, blog posts, books, and more.

2003-2013

### **Owner | Explorations Early Learning Family Child Care**

I operated a successful family child care program focusing on emergent learning in a play-based and child led environment with my wife, Tasha.

1989-2003

### **Various Positions | The Salvation Army**

I started as a community center volunteer supervising gym games and ended up as Youth Services Director overseeing 25 staff and programs serving 150+ children (birth to 16) per day. While these programs served children and families from all economic levels, our efforts focused on assisting those facing financial and social challenges.

2001-2002

### **Consultant | Parenting Partners**

I worked as an advocate for local center-based child care programs in this grant-funded position with a focus on increasing collaboration between programs and creating parent resources.

## EDUCATION

I was a reluctant and bored student for most of my public-school career, to the point that I skipped my 1997 graduation ceremony. Between 1988 and 1994 I completed 130+ credit hours of college at a couple local schools-- changing majors from Philosophy to English Literature to Elementary Education. In 1994, I had the opportunity to start a child care center from scratch. I thought the real-world learning experience of building and running that program would prove more valuable than finishing a degree. I was correct, it was the second-best choice I have made in my life.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

I enjoy tromping through the woods with GeeGee and Slinky, striving to keep houseplants alive, attempting to be a bit more physically fit, seeking to learn new things daily, and trying to be the husband Tasha deserves.