

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 ran 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 16yrs) 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 along the beach with my pups, GeeGee and Slinky, attempting to keep houseplants alive, striving to be a bit more physically fit, seeking to learn new things daily, and trying to be the husband Tasha deserves.