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Please tell us (in a few sentences) about your path to EC leadership. For example – Where did you go to undergrad- what was your major? Other: What EC jobs have you had; when did you first think about being a PST/leader in EC?

**My ECH path has been interesting to say the least. My undergrad degree is in elementary education. I taught third grade for a few years and worked on additional education to teach special education. After teaching special education I decided to make a career change and went to work for a county department of social services in children's protective services until I started raising my family. After sending my baby off to school I came to work at CESA 3 in the special education department. Along the way I became involved with a couple of ECH projects and suddenly found myself in a position to support EC teachers and programs that support young children.**

Please tell us about your special interests/knowledge in our field which others might contact you about.

**My back ground in social work has given me knowledge and understanding of navigating county-based systems including Birth to Three and Head Start. This knowledge and expertise has made connecting systems work well for the schools we support and the families of young children with disabilities.**

Is there anything else you'd like other, newer EC leaders to know?

**There is tons of new information available regarding EC but the most important support you will have is from your peers. The EC leadership around the state is the greatest and these people are always willing to help you problem solve or help to connect you to additional resources.**