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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?

I did my undergraduate work at UW Stout. I had a double major in Early Childhood Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and graduated in 1975. I have worked as a special education paraprofessional, a substitute teacher, an Early Childhood Special Education teacher and Title 1 Preschool teacher. I stayed home with young children and became a licensed family child care provider. I then worked for two years as a Head Start teacher and center director and a kindergarten teacher for 8 years. I completed my Masters Degree at UW Eau Claire and worked on a grant to develop an inclusive classroom for the Winter School District with Head Start. I later was hired by CESA 10 to work in the Flambeau School District and worked on another grant to develop a range of service options for children with disabilities. When Arlene Wright moved to a new position in CESA 10 I became a Program Support teacher. I am amazed at how much I continue to learn from all those people I am fortunate enough to be able to work with.

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

My real passion for the past few years has been developing service options that give children with disabilities opportunities to learn and succeed with nondisabled peers. Addressing Least Restrictive Environment on the IEP after writing functional goals founded on quality assessment that involved the family is the foundation for making good LRE decisions.

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

Those of you that know me know that being a parent and grandparent is what has given me the greatest joy in my life. Jim, my husband and I have been truly blessed.