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**OBJECTIVE:**

To demonstrate current skills and knowledge with emphasis on progressive steps made within current field of employment. Current knowledge and emerging skills will be used to move forward with new interests and goals. Success with future endeavors will result from:

- (1) application of existing knowledge and skills rooted in formal and informal experiences.
- (2) providing diligent attention to detail.
- (3) involvement in learning opportunities, and the belief that professional growth results from being a perpetual learner who is open to new ideas and methodology.
- (4) collaboration with and learning from others to accomplish work plans and goals.
- (5) seeking information and current research on farming practices

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:****Agricultural**

- Owner/Operator, along with husband, of Windy Willows Homestead located in Northwestern Harnett County.
  - Possess a Farm ID
  - Member of American Guinea Hog Association
    - Own three registered American Guinea Hogs for breeding purposes and meat production
      - Personal use
      - Hogs are sold to public for their own use or are transported to processor.
  - Member of American Dairy Goat Association
    - Own four registered Nigerian Dairy Goats for breeding and milk production
      - Personal use
      - Weaned goats are sold to public – reinvest proceeds so goats can be financially self-sustaining.
  - Raising/breeding Blue-laced Red Wyandottes
    - Selectively breeding for mahogany red tones and blue-gray tones
    - Sell laying chickens annually at Urban Chicken Flock Swap
    - Sell eggs year around
      - Have added a second “fun flock” of hens to provide colorful eggs to egg customers. E
      - Egg customer base is now increasing and chickens have become financially self-sustaining.

**Teaching and Leading**

- Offer in-home workshops on canning/freezing, gardening, homesteading
- Informal discussions on caring for and raising chickens, pigs and goats as well as providing information about chicken egg production
- 20+ years in the field of education, serving as a program manager/administrator, assistant principal, teacher, assistant teacher, community college instructor, conference/workshop presenter

**Financial Management**

- Department of Public Instruction, Exceptional Children Division Special Programs Consultant: manage \$43,936,093.00 budget and review/approve or deny grant applications for allocation of these funds.
- Wake County Public Schools, Central Office Exceptional Children Department Senior Administrator: a member of a Team of five who manages and coordinates the LEA budget for students with disabilities.

- Oakwood Property Solutions, LLC: business manager and financial officer, responsible for accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll and subcontractor payments, contractual arrangements, completed all quarterly and end-of-year tax filings for the business, obtaining business licenses when appropriate, completed and submitted necessary documents for setting business up as a limited liability company organized as an S-Corporation.
- Harnett County Schools, Dunn Middle School Assistant Principal: jointly responsible with the principal for the school's budget and expenditures.
- Spring Lake First Baptist Child Development Center Director: responsible for accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, and proposing an annual budget to the church board, provided reports at the monthly business meetings.
- Red Apple Preschool Owner/Operator: located in Germany, responsible for all aspects of business operations, complete and file tax forms for an American owned business operating in a foreign country.
- United States Army Personnel records clerk, United States Army.

#### Collection, Analysis, and Evaluation of Data

- Maintain records of expenditures, balances, funds received, age of funds to ensure they do not revert.
- Prepare financial summaries and reports, quarterly as well as annually.
- Develop annual budgets and monitor quarterly for accuracy and repurposing unspent funds.
- Develop surveys, implement, and analyze data collected; share data as appropriate.
  - Development and implementation of school improvement and emergency plans, to include plans for gathering information and analyzing success of each plan's goals.
  - Collect and analyze data; develop plans as a result of the findings

#### **PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHS:**

Development of positive, collaborative relationships with colleagues and others.

Well respected by colleagues.

Experienced with leading and supervising teams and groups.

Responsive to others' concerns; work collaboratively toward solutions and positive outcomes.

Ability to interact positively and communicate clearly with diverse populations.

Work well independently and as part of a team.

Self-motivated.

Possess the ability to research, read and independently learn in order to complete a new task.

Organized.

Excellent communication skills.

#### **WORK HISTORY:**

Education Program Administrator, Special Programs and Data Section, DPI Exceptional Children Division

Senior Administrator, Strategic Operations/ Special Education Services, Wake County, NC

Business Partner/ CEO, Oakwood Property Solutions, Harnett County, NC

Lead for Home/Hospital Education, Wake County, NC

Department Chair and Teacher, Fuquay-Varina Middle, Wake County, NC

Assistant Principal, Dunn Middle, Harnett County Schools, Harnett County, NC

Administrative Intern, Harnett County Schools, Harnett County, NC

Teacher, Harnett County Schools, Harnett County, NC

Teaching Assistant, Harnett County Schools, Harnett County, NC

Instructor, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville, NC

Director, First Baptist Child Development Center, Spring Lake, NC

Owner/ Manager, Red Apple Preschool, Stuttgart, Germany

Substitute Teacher, Asheville City and Buncombe County Schools, Asheville, NC

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

United States Army

- Personnel records clerk
- Communication equipment repair

**EDUCATION:**

Graduate Degree, School Administration, Fayetteville State University

Teacher Certification, Fayetteville State University

Bachelor Degree, Psychology, Fayetteville State University

Associate Degree, Liberal Arts, Brevard College

Various Courses: Business Law, Financial Accounting, Business Management, Early Childhood

**HONORS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

State of NC 20 Year Service Award

North Carolina Principal Fellows Program, Cohort 7

Psi Chi National Honor Society

United States Army, EUCOM Area Support Group Scroll of Appreciation

United States Army Certificate of Achievement

United States Army Letter of Appreciation

United States Army Meritorious Promotion for achieving 100% accuracy of battalion finance and personnel records as noted during the audit conducted by the Inspector General