

Rhonda D. Richardson

Assistant Professor

Language, Literacy and Special Populations

College of Education

Sam Houston State University

Degrees Earned

Ph.D. Educational Administration, Texas A&M University, 1988

Minor: Education Curriculum and Instruction

M.S., Education Curriculum and Instruction, Southwest Texas State University, 1984

Minor: Early Childhood Education

B.S., Education Curriculum and Instruction, Texas A&M University, 1980

Specializations in Reading and Mathematics with Kindergarten Endorsement

Professional Licensure and Certifications

Provisional Teacher Life – K-8 grade, May 1980

Mid-management Certification, December 1988

Superintendent Certification, May 1989

Certified Appraiser for Texas Teacher Appraisal System May 1989

Certified trainer, Leadership Early Assessment Program, National Association of Secondary School Principals, 1995.

High/Scope Educational Approach, certified trainer, 1997

Child Development Associate (CDA) Validator, 1998

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Leaders I, II and III. Charles A. Dana Center, Mentor School Leadership Development Series, Austin, Texas, 2000.

Certified Mediation through Bryan Independent School District, 1998

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention certified – Texas Education Agency, 2000

Boys Town Model certified, 2002

Online Faculty Certification, Office of Academic Instructional Technology and Distance Learning, Sam Houston State University, (August 2007)

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

Books

Chapters

Proceedings

Artistic Performances

Promising Practices, Diverse Perspectives (March 1996). Texas Education Agency T-Star Interactive Teleconference Series, San Antonio, Texas.

Artistic Exhibitions

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

Office of Statewide Initiatives Texas Mentor School Network (2001-2002) document, KEYS to Meeting the Mandate for Higher Learning Expectations in Texas Schools, "Alignment and Implementation of the Prekindergarten Guidelines with the TEKS." Office of Statewide Initiatives, Region XIII Education Service Center, Austin, TX. Linda Mora, Director.

Richardson, R. (1990) Evaluation of Principal Performance. In L. Witters-Churchill and D. Erlandson (Eds.), The Principals in the 1990's and Beyond: Current Research on Performance-Based Preparation and Professional Development. Tempe, Arizona: The University Council for Educational Administration.

Richardson, R. (1988). The 1988 Principals' Center Summer Academy Evaluation Report. Department of Educational Administration, Texas A&M University.

Funded External Grants

2001 Literacy for All Mini-Grant with Education Service Center Region VI. Grant was funded. Purpose of grant was to support action research to increase literacy skills in young children with disabilities.

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

National

Richardson, R. (2008, December). Parent Partnerships: easier said than done. National Head Start Association Parent and Teacher Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

STATE

Richardson, R. (2008, June). Through the Looking Glass: a new perspective on parent communication. Texas Elementary Principals & supervisors Association Summer Conference: Blueprints for Success.

Richardson, R. and Nabors, D. (2007, October). What Color is Your Spaghetti? Texas Association for the Education of Young Children 43rd Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Richardson R. (2007, October). Therapy Dogs in the Classroom...Something to Think About? Texas Association for the Education of Young Children 43rd Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

LOCAL

Richardson, R. (April 2008). Teacher Do You Know Me? Seven "Surefire" Ways to Connect. Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children (SHAAYC) Spring Conference, Huntsville, TX.

Richardson, R. (2007 July). Let the Sun shine In: Highlighting culture and community in the classroom or school. Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Brazos Valley Outreach Conference, College Station, TX.

Richardson, R., McGuire, M., Timme, D., and Nabors, D. (2007, September). Prekindergarten Professional Development. Huntsville ISD, Huntsville, TX.

Richardson, R. (2007, October). Levi's Story: Therapy Dogs in Early Childhood Settings. Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children (SHAAYC) Fall Conference, Huntsville, TX.

Richardson, R. (2007, October). Soar with Your Strengths. Invited Speaker at the Initiation Ceremony, Kappa Delta Pi of the Delta Theta Chapter.

Richardson, R. and Lee, E. (March 2002). Reaching Children from Poverty: Quality Early Childhood Education," and "Quality Math and Science Instruction in the Prekindergarten Program. Texas Mentor School Network Pathfinders Conference Series, Office of Statewide Initiatives, Austin, Texas.

Richardson, R. and Hanks, B. (April 2001). National Association for the Education of Young Children: Steps to Accreditation. Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Galveston, Texas.

Richardson, R., Lee, E., Bockelmann, S. and Ryberg, R. (April 1999) Assessment in the Early Childhood Classroom: Tools for Quality. Texas Early Childhood & Elementary School Education Conference, Austin, Texas.

Richardson, R., Mathews, K., and Lewis, N. (October 1998) It's All a Matter of Teamwork: Using the Team Teaching Approach in the PPCD Classroom. Inclusion Works! 1998 Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Richardson, R. Mathews, K., and Lewis, N. (March 1997). Carver Early Childhood Center: Our Inclusion Model of Service Delivery. Showcase of Promising Practices Conference, Austin, TX.

Richardson, R., Lee, E., and Jones, A. (June 1997). National Accreditation for High Quality Programs Grades PK-2," Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Summer Work Conference, Austin, Texas.

Richardson, R., Gandy, L. and Jones, A. (June 1995). Can Creativity and Active Learning Coexist with Good Classroom Management and High Expectations? Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Summer Conference, Austin, Texas.

Richardson, R., Gandy, L. and Jones, A. (1994). Report of the Task Force on Early Childhood and Elementary Education: First Impressions," 20th Annual Workshop in School Administration, Huntsville, Texas.

Richardson, R., Gandy, L., and Jones, A. (June 1994) Growing Into High Scope – the Joys and Challenges. Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Summer Work Conference, Austin, Texas.

Richardson, R., Lee, E, and Snowden, C. (February 1994). Inclusion Model of Service Delivery in the Early Childhood Years. Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Annual Winter Convention, Austin, Texas.

Richardson, R., Gandy, L, and Jones, A. (1994) Growing Into High Scope -- the Joys and Challenges. Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Elementary and Early Childhood Education Restructuring Conference, Austin, Texas.

Richardson, R., Lee, E., and Snowden C. (1994) Inclusion Model of Service Delivery in Prekindergarten. Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Elementary and Early Childhood Education Restructuring Conference, Austin, Tx.

Work or Professional Experiences

2006-present **Assistant Professor, Department of Language, Literacy & Special Populations, Sam Houston State University, College of Education.**

1992-2006 **Principal, Carver Early Childhood Center, Bryan Independent School District.**

1989 to 1992 **Administrator, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District**
1990 to 1992 **Principal, Northview Early Childhood Center.**
1989 to 1990 **Director of community Education/Gifted & Talented**
Coordinator/Second Appraiser.

1986 to 1988 **Graduate School employment at Texas A&M University, Principals' Center**
1988 **Research Associate**
1986 to 1987 **Graduate Assistant**

1980 to 1986 **Teacher, Lone Star Elementary, New Braunfels Independent School District.**

Honors and Awards

- 2005 Recognized as Outstanding Distinguished Citizen by the African American National Heritage Society
- 1993 Texas Education Agency Mentor School: 1993 to 2002.
- 1995 & 1997 Promising Practices Program by the Texas Preschool Evaluation Project, a division of the Texas education Agency, for the category of Including Children with Disabilities with their Non-disabled Peers.
- 1996 Full accreditation status by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) 1996, Commendation Status received in 2003
- 1989 T.M. Stinnett Fellowship Award, Department of Educational Administration, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Other Competencies

- 2002 Pre-Application for the Early Reading First Program grant. Project Name: *Right to Read: Creating Centers of Excellence for Young Learners*. This resulted in an invitation to submit full application. Full application submitted in October of 2002. Not funded, but scored 71 out of 100 possible points.
- 2002 Texas Education Agency Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Grant Program, Cycle 7: Expansion of Prekindergarten Programs for School Year 2002-03. This grant did not get funded. Reason cited: Third grade students' TAAS scores of 81% considered too high to qualify for the most needed range.