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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Special Education (Focus: <i>Early Childhood Special Education</i>) University of Maryland, College Park Dissertation: <i>The Maternal Role in Promoting Emotional Competence: Factors Associated with Head Start Mothers' Expressiveness, Perceived Role, and Receptivity to Support</i> (Chair: Dr. J. Lieber)	2010
M.Ed	Early Childhood Special Education New York University	2002
B.A.	Psychology and Certification: Elementary Education State University of New York at Geneseo (Summa cum Laude)	2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

9/2018 - Present	Associate Professor , Special Education (with tenure) Department of Wellness and Inclusive Services in Education (9/2023 - Present) Department of Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Education (9/2018 - 8/2023) College of Education, Rowan University Coordinator/Advisor: Two Online Graduate Programs* (9/2019 - Present) <i>MA in Special Education and Inclusive Practices</i> (multiple tracks) (126 students, 1/2024) <i>Graduate Endorsement: Teacher of Students with Disabilities</i> (TOSD) (140 students, 1/2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- *Ongoing Duties: Reviewing applicants for year-round admissions, clinical practice, capstone, TOSD completion, and MA graduation; tailored welcome memos for newly matriculated students; new student & clinical practice orientations; Community of Practice meetings for current students; ongoing advising; course proofs/ staffing; hiring adjuncts; assigning clinical supervisors; leading program meetings; annual middle states & CAEP reports; CEC/CAEP Standard mapping & continuous improvement efforts<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Submitting curriculum proposals (e.g., <i>matriculation status to enroll; minimum undergrad GPA; taking the special education PRAXIS; adding birth-5 family-focused class to MA core; adding SPED Technology course to TOSD; course/program title name changes; adding ESL track option in MA</i>)
9/2013 – 8/2018	Assistant Professor , Special Education (tenure-track) Department of Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Education, Rowan University
6/2010 – 6/2013	Associate Director , <i>Project Skilled Credentialed Early Interventionists</i> , Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA {Supported collaborators across five institutions in personnel preparation for providers and service coordinators in a statewide Early Intervention program (Part C, IDEA)}
fall 2012; fall 2011	Adjunct Instructor , <i>Methods for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities</i> Birth-Five Program, Georgia State University
2008-2009	Supervisor , undergraduates in birth-5 placements (2008-2009) and co-supervisor of a student teacher in an inclusive preschool (2007), U. Maryland, College Park

summer 2007 **Intern**, Early Head Start National Resource Center, Zero to Three, Washington, DC

2006-2008 **Research Assistant**, *Children's School Success*, assessed children ages 4-7 on social and academic measures, University of Maryland, College Park

2004-2006 **Home-Based Early Intervention Special Educator**, Hand in Hand Development, Inc., New York, NY

summer 2004 **Home-Based Early Intervention Special Educator**, TheraCare, NY

2003-2006 **Center-Based Early Interventionist**, Kennedy Child Study Center, NY, NY

2002-2003 **Special Educator**, age 2, ages 17-21, The Jewish Guild for the Blind, New York, NY

summer 2002 **Child Life Intern**, 480+ hour internship, in-patient and out-patient pediatric oncology units, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY

2001-2002 **Substitute Teacher** (K-6th), Merrick elementary schools, Merrick, NY

summer 1999 **Direct Care Counselor**, Level III group home, adults with diagnosed Intellectual Disability, Nassau AHRC, Hicksville, NY

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate (UG); Graduate (G); Doctoral (PhD)

Rowan University

CASE 90850, Access, Success, and Equity in Special Education (PhD) - developed, 2016

CASE 90851, Research to Practice in Special Education (PhD) - developed, 2017

SPED 08555, Education and Psychology of Students with Disabilities (online) (G)

SELN 10581, Implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (online) (G)

ECSE 10500, Characteristics of Young Children with Disabilities & their Families (online) (G), developed

SPED 08130, Honors Disability as Diversity (prior title: Human Exceptionality); in-person, 15-weeks (UG)

SPED 08130, Disability as Diversity (prior title: Human Exceptionality), 8-weeks (online) (UG)

SPED 08360, Positive Behavioral Support Systems for Students with Exceptional Learning Needs (UG)

ECED 23447 & SPED 08445, Early Childhood/ECSE Blended Field Seminar (UG)

Georgia State University

EXC 4520, Methods for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (UG)

University of Maryland, College Park

EDSP 422, Curriculum and Instruction: Early Childhood Special Education (*co-instructor*) (UG)

EDSP 424, Early Childhood Field Placement Seminar (*co-instructor*) (UG)

PUBLICATIONS

Published Book

Edwards, N. M. (2018, May). *Early Social-Emotional Development: Your Guide to Promoting Children's Positive Behavior*. Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., Inc. (seven chapters & online supplemental material) <http://products.brookespublishing.com/Early-Social-Emotional-Development-P1059.aspx>

Chapter 1: The Impact of Early Social-Emotional Development

Chapter 2: Environmental Influences and the Educator's Role

Chapter 3: Guiding Principles

Chapter 4: Strategies Supporting Social-Emotional Growth

Chapter 5: Potential Roadblocks to Implementing PBIS

Chapter 6: Effective Family–Provider Communication

Chapter 7: Next Steps for Sustaining Healthy Social-Emotional Development

Refereed Publications (*Indicates publication with student)

Edwards, N. M. (Accepted 1/2024; In Press). Court-level stakeholders' reunification decisions and perceived role in parents' readiness to support early emotional development post-abuse and/or neglect. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*;

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2024.2315119>; Impact Factor: 1.6

Edwards, N. M., Isik-Ercan, Z., Lu, H., & Sebti, L.* (2024). Support networks among immigrant parents of young children: Assessing ecologies to inform outreach efforts. *Child and Family Social Work*, 29(1), 167-184; doi: 10.1111/cfs.13060; Impact Factor: 1.83 (Published online: June 2023)

Edwards, N. M. & Panlilio, C. (2023). Neglecting to Consider Early Emotional Development after Abuse and/or Neglect: Insights and Recommendations from Child Welfare Providers. *Child and Family Social Work*; doi: 10.1111/cfs.13107; Impact Factor: 1.83 (Published online: 11/2023)

Edwards, N. M., Isik-Ercan, Z., Lu, H. T., Fall, M., & Sebti, L.* (2023). "Do the best you can with resources you have to offer": Community stakeholder views on supporting immigrant families. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 51(3), 837-859; doi: 10.1002/jcop.22970; Impact factor: 2.29 (Published online: 11/2022)

Edwards, N. M., Lieberman-Betz, R., & Wiegand, S.* (2023). Parents with intellectual disability and mental health conditions: Early Intervention providers' perceptions. *Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability*, 48(3), 225-237; doi: 10.3109/13668250.2022.2112530; Impact Factor: 1.94 (Published online: 2022).

Edwards, N. M., Kaiser, E., & Stapel-Wax, J. (2021). Investigating a 'wait and see' mindset among pediatric providers: Missed opportunities to refer toddlers with Autism Spectrum Disorder to Part C Early Intervention. *Infants and Young Children*, 34(4), 284-305; doi: 10.1097/IYC.000000000000201; Impact Factor: 1.063

Edwards, N. M. & Steed, E. A. (2021). Building capacity from within: A pilot peer coaching project in an early childhood program. *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*, 42(3), 318-344. doi: 10.1080/10901027.2020.1740842; Impact factor: 0.49

Edwards, N. M. (2020). Are we maximizing the role of caregivers' support networks in Early Intervention? *Journal of Early Intervention*, 43(3), 203-223. Available in print, 7/16/2020; available online, 9/18/2019; <https://doi.org/10.1177/1053815119873087>; Impact factor: 1.294

- Edwards, N. M.** (2020). Introducing the perceived role in emotional development scale: Using indirect, reflective questioning with parental caregivers. *Applied Developmental Science*, 26(1), 57-73; doi: 10.1080/10888691.2019.1693271; (online 2020; volume as of 2022); Impact factor: 1.841
- Edwards, N. M.** (2018, July). Family feedback and programmatic decision-making: Responsiveness of early childhood administrators. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, 46(4), 397-407; doi: 10.1007/s10643-017-0874-6; Impact factor: 0.74
- Edwards, N. M.** (2018, May). The role of mentors in Early Intervention referrals: Overlooked views of Pediatric Residency Training Directors. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 22(5), 745-752; doi: 10.1007/s10995-018-2443-z; Impact factor: 1.788
- Edwards, N. M. & Xin, J.** (2017, November). Factors influencing satisfaction among teacher candidates and cooperating teachers in conducting a functional behavior assessment. *Teaching and Teacher Education*, 68, 161-169; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tate.2017.08.013>; Impact factor: 2.61
- Edwards, N. M.** (2017, July). Teacher perceptions impeding child behavior assessment in an early childhood setting. *Preventing School Failure: Alternative Education for Children and Youth*, 61(3), 220-233; doi:10.1080/1045988X.2016.1263928; Impact factor: 0.42
- Edwards, N. M. & Gallagher, P. A.** (2016). Early intervention special instructors and service coordinators in one state: Characteristics, professional development, and needed lines of inquiry. *Infants and Young Children*. 29(4), 299-311; doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1097/IYC.0000000000000074>; Impact factor: 0.91
- Edwards, N. M.** (2014). Distinct factors associated with Head Start mothers' self-report of perceived low positive and high negative maternal expressiveness. *Early Education and Development*, 25(8), 1219-1247; doi: 10.1080/10409289.2014.925844; Impact factor: 1.18
- Edwards, N. M. & Gallagher, P. A.** (2014). Parent educators in early intervention: Insights from evaluations. *Infants & Young Children*, 27(3), 220-240; doi: 10.1097/IYC.0000000000000011; Impact factor: 0.91
- Edwards, N. M.** (2014). Number of children associated with mothers' perceived need for behavior support: Implications for parenting interventions. *Journal of Child & Family Studies*, 23(3), 527-536. (Available online, 1/2013: doi: 10.1007/s10826-013-9712-7); Impact factor: 1.163
- Edwards, N. M., Gallagher, P. A., & Green, K. B.** (2013). Existing and proposed child find initiatives in one state's Part C program. *Rural Special Education Quarterly*, 32(1), 11-19; doi: 10.1177/875687051303200103; Acceptance rate: 36%.
- Edwards, N. M.** (2012). Understanding emotional development: Helping early childhood providers better support families. *National Head Start Association (NHSA) Dialog: A Research-to-Practice Journal for the Early Childhood Field*, 15(4), 355-370; doi: 10.1080/15240754.2012.725490; Impact factor: 0.40

Manuscripts pending submission and/or under review

Lu, H., **Edwards**, N. M., Isik-Ercan, Z., Fall, M., & Sebti, L.* Perceived Social Support Correlated with Parent Mental Health Self-Report among Urban Immigrant Parents of Young Children (Birth-5). (*Under review, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health.*)

Isik-Ercan Z., Lu H., **Edwards** N. M., Fall M., & Sebti L.* Social Experiences, Life Satisfaction, and Social Support of Immigrant Families with Young Children in a Highly Urban City. (*Under review, Early Child Care and Development*)

Fall, M., **Edwards**, N., Isik-Ercan, Z., & Sebti, L.* *Discrimination in an urban community: Immigrant language and culture as precursor to marginalization and exclusion.* (*Pending submission.*)

Isik-Ercan, Z., **Edwards**, N. M., Fall, M., & Sebti, L. US State Administrators' Perceptions of Immigrant Families with Young Children: Support Seeking, Advocacy, and Roadblocks. (*Pending submission.*)

PRESENTATIONS

International, National, and Regional Presentations (refereed)

Edwards, N. M. (presenter) and Houser, K. (non-presenter). (*Under Review*; 9/2024): *Supporting families of young children with an incarcerated parent.* Division for Early Childhood 40th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Disabilities and their Families, New Orleans, Louisiana (poster).

Edwards, N. M. (presenter) (*Under Review*; 2/2024). *Roadblocks to Supporting Parental Caregivers' Role in Early Emotional Development Post-Abuse/Neglect: Insights and Recommendations from Caseworkers and Family Court Judges.* CASE Summit 2024, College of Education. April 23, 2024 (One-hour session, *if accepted*)

Isik-Ercan, Z., **Edwards**, N (non-presenter), & Sebti, L. *US state administrators' perspectives on immigrant families' support-seeking/ advocacy behavior and roadblocks they experience.* 2024 World Forum on Early Care and Education, April 16-19, 2024, Vancouver, Canada.

Edwards, N. M., Paulick, J., & Lynch, J. (April 2024). *An AERA SIG Community of Practice: Collective inquiry on timely issues affecting family-school-community stakeholders.* American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA (Invited one-hour session).

Edwards, N. M. (presenter) & Green, K. (non-presenter) (April 2024). *Social-emotional information-sharing and preferred mode of outreach with childcare providers and other community stakeholders: Self-report from rural parental caregivers pre/post pandemic.* 21st Roundtable of the International Network (INET) on School, Family, and Community Partnerships, Philadelphia, PA (roundtable).

Sebti, L., Ercan, Z., & **Edwards**, N. M. (April 2024). *Ecological Understanding of Immigrant Families with Young Children's Support System in an Urban City.* 21st Roundtable of the International Network (INET) on School, Family, and Community Partnerships, Philadelphia, PA (paper).

Co-presenter with DEC CoP Development committee members (November 2023). *Supporting equitable engagement in Communities of Practice (CoP)*. Division for Early Childhood Conference. Minneapolis, Minnesota (one-hour session).

Green, K. & **Edwards**, N. M. (November 2023.) *Communicating with families about social-emotional skills: pre-post COVID19*. Division for Early Childhood Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (poster).

Lieberman-Betz, R., **Edwards**, N. M., & Wiegand, S. (November 2023). Coaching parents with developmental disabilities and mental health concerns (scoping review). Division for Early Childhood Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (poster).

Edwards, N. M., Isik-Ercan, Z., Lu, H., Fall, M., & Sebti, L. (April 2023.) *'Do the best you can with resources you have...': Community stakeholder views on immigrant families*. American Educational Research Association (virtual).

Fall, M., **Edwards**, N. M., Isik-Ercan, Z., & Sebti, L. (April 2023.) *Discrimination in an urban community: Immigrant language and culture as precursor to marginalization and exclusion*. Live session in Multicultural/Multiethnic Education SIG. American Educational Research Association (virtual).

Edwards, N. M. (September 2022.) *Assessing the extent to which court-level processes support early emotional development post-abuse and/or neglect: Insights from surveying family court judges and juvenile hearing officers*. International Society on Early Intervention (ISEI), Chicago, Illinois.

Edwards, N. M. and Sebti, L. (presenting), with non-presenting co-authors (Ercan, Z., Lu, H., & Fall, M.) (9/2022) *Are you collaborating with community partners to support immigrant parents?* DEC, Chicago, IL

Edwards, N. M., Lieberman-Betz, R., & Long, S.* (April 2022). *Early Intervention Providers' Perceived Needs to Support Parents with Intellectual Disability or Mental Health Conditions, in a Roundtable session titled "Supporting Special Needs"*, American Educational Research Association (virtual).

Ercan, Z., **Edwards**, N. M., Sebti, L.*, Fall, M., & Lu, H. (April 2022). *"Nothing Specific to Immigrant Families (yet)": State Administrators' Perspectives on Initiatives for Immigrant Families, Paper session, Issues in Childcare and Early Education in the U.S.*, American Educational Research Association.

Ercan, Z., **Edwards**, N. M., Fall, M., Sebti, L.*, & Lu, H. (April 2022). *US State Administrators' Perceptions of Immigrant Families with Young Children: Support Seeking, Advocacy, and Roadblocks, in a Roundtable session titled, Supporting Diverse Cultures through Advocacy and Empowerment*, American Educational Research Association (hybrid format).

Edwards, N.M., Stegenga, S., & Amsbary, J. (September 2021). *Vital role of birth-5 program directors in interdisciplinary collaboration*, 60-minute session, annual Division for Early Childhood conference (virtual).

Edwards, N.M., Lu, H., and Sebti, L. (presenters); Isik-Ercan, Z. (non-presenter). (September 2021). *Understanding ecologies of support among immigrant parents in birth-5*, 60-minute session, annual Division for Early Childhood conference (virtual).

Edwards, N. M., Isik-Ercan, Z., Lu, H., & Sebti, L.* (April 2021). *Support networks among immigrant parents of young children: Assessing ecologies to inform outreach efforts*. Family-School-Community Partnerships SIG, Roundtable presentation, AERA (virtual).

Isik-Ercan, Z., Lu, H., **Edwards, N. M., & Fall, M.** (April 2021). *Social experiences and life satisfaction of immigrant families with young children in a highly urban city*. Early Education and Child Development SIG, Poster presentation, American Educational Research Association (virtual).

Edwards, N. M. & Panlilio, C. (non-presenter) (March 2021). *“We’re thinking about everybody but the child”: Neglecting early emotional development post-abuse*. Council for Exceptional Children Conference (presentation with Q&A held virtually 3/2021).

Edwards, N. M., Lieberman-Betz, R., & Wiegand, S* (March 2021). *Are we supporting Early Intervention providers to effectively coach parents with developmental disabilities and mental health concerns?* Council for Exceptional Children Conference (presentation held virtually 3/2021).

Edwards, N. M. & Hebron, H. (January 2021). *Teaching emotion regulation and mindfulness in an inclusive birth-5 setting*. Annual Division for Early Childhood Conference (1-hour session held virtually).

Edwards, N. M., Staple-Wax, J., & Kaiser, E. (April 2020). *Roadblocks to Early Intervention referrals for toddlers with Autism: Exploring a ‘wait and see’ mindset*. Special and Inclusive Education Research SIG, American Educational Research Association. San Francisco, CA (virtual paper)

Edwards, N. M., Lieberman-Betz, R., & Wiegand, S.* (October 2019). *Coaching parents with developmental disabilities: Reviewing recommendations to support Early Intervention providers*. Poster session. International Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Conference, Dallas, Texas.

Stapel-Wax, J., **Edwards, N., & Kaiser, E.** (October 2019). *Let’s Explore a ‘Wait and See’ Mindset to Improve Early Intervention Referrals*. Annual Zero to Three (ZTT) conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Kaiser, E., **Edwards, N., Guerra, K., Stapel-Wax, J.** (May 2019). *Revisiting a ‘Wait and See’ mindset to improve Early Intervention referrals”*. Poster session, INSAR 2019 Annual meeting, Montreal, Canada.

Edwards, N. and Panlilio, C. (2019, April). *Needs Assessment of Child Welfare Professionals to Support Early Socioemotional Development after Child Abuse*. Paper session. Annual Meeting, American Educational Research Association, Toronto, Canada.

Edwards, N., Kaiser, E., & Stapel-Wax, J. (2019, February). *Let’s Explore a ‘Wait and See’ Mindset to Improve Early Intervention Referrals*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Edwards, N. and Xin, J. (2019, February). *How Can We Effectively Communicate with Families about the Functional Behavior Assessment Process?* Annual Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Edwards, N. and Accardo, A. (2018, November). *Promoting Family-Centered P-21 Transitions for Students with Special Needs: Recommendations for Teacher Candidates and Gaps in Our Understanding*. Teacher Education Division (TED) annual conference, Las Vegas, Nevada

Edwards, N. (2018, November.) *Systems of Support for Professionals: Indirect Role of Mentors in Early Intervention Referrals.* Teacher Education Division (TED) annual conference, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Edwards, N., Kaiser, E., & Stapel-Wax, J. (2018, October.) *Revisiting a 'Wait and See' Mindset to Improve Early Intervention Referrals.* Accepted 90-minute session, Division for Early Childhood (DEC) annual conference, Orlando, FL.

Edwards, N., Brown, S., Walpole, M., Fall, M.*, & Alexander, J.* (2018, March). *Supporting Male Students in a Teacher Preparation Program: Student and Faculty Perceptions on Recruitment and Retention.* Roundtable session, annual AACTE conference, Baltimore, MD (Convener of the subgroup on recruitment for COE Diversity Committee); **doctoral students*

Edwards, N. & Green, K. (2018, February). *Can We Use More Tailored Modes of Outreach to Share Behavior-Related Information with Diverse Families?* Multi-session presentation, Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Tampa, FL.

Edwards, N. & Xin, J. (2018, February). *What Roadblocks Are Keeping You from Conducting Functional Behavior Assessments on Students with Prolonged Maladaptive Behavior?* One-hour presentation, Council for Exceptional Children, Tampa, FL.

Edwards, N. & Steed, E. (2018, February). *How Can We Empower Teachers to Willingly Request and Objectively Complete Peer Observations?* Poster session, Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Tampa, FL.

Edwards, N., Xin, J., & Vernon-Dotson, L. (2017, November). *Retention and Application of Positive Behavior Supports Coursework during Clinical Practice and Initial Employment.* Roundtable session, International Teacher Education Division Conference, Savannah, GA.

Edwards, N. (2017, November). *Embedding Family Connections in Pre-Service Teacher Coursework: Should Students Interview a Familiar or Unfamiliar Caregiver?* Roundtable session, International Teacher Education Division, Savannah, GA.

Edwards, N. (2017, October). *Supporting Early Emotional Development after Child Abuse: Provider Insights on Obstacles and Desired Changes.* International Division for Early Childhood Conference, Portland, Oregon.

Edwards, N. & Green, K. (2017, October). *Preferred Mode of Social-Emotional Communication among Head Start Families and Providers.* International Division for Early Childhood Conference, Portland, Oregon.

Steed, E. & **Edwards, N.** (2017, October). *The Key to Collaboration: How to Use Peer Coaching in Your Program.* International Division for Early Childhood Conference, Portland, Oregon.

Edwards, N. (2017, April). *Revisiting the Early Intervention Coaching Model: Are We Fully Empowering Caregivers?* Poster session, American Educational Research Association (AERA). San Antonio, TX

Edwards, N. (2017, April). *Do Families Adequately Inform Programmatic Decisions? Assessing Early Childhood Administrators' Response to Family Satisfaction Data.* Roundtable, American Educational Research Association (AERA). San Antonio, TX

Edwards, N. & Corr, C. (2017, April). *Provider and Family Insights on Supporting Early Emotional Development after Child Abuse*. Oral presentation at the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 2017 Annual International Conference, Boston, MA.

Walpole, M., **Edwards, N.**, Accardo, A., Rios, H., Browne, S., & Maddan, M. (February 2017). *Growing Diversity Knowledge in Pre-Service Teachers*. Multiple session presentation at the annual AACTE conference, Tampa, FL

Edwards, N. & Isik-Ercan, Z. (2016, November). *Beyond Reading “About”: Engaging Teacher Candidates in Meaningful Parent-Teacher Communication, Collaboration and Involvement Opportunities*. Conversation session at the Teacher Education Division (TED) 2016 Annual International Conference, Lexington, Kentucky.

Edwards, N. & Xin, J. (2016, November). *Developing an Authentic Behavior Plan: Factors Influencing Satisfaction Ratings among Teacher Candidates and Cooperating Teachers in an Assigned Field Placement*. Single paper at the Teacher Education Division (TED) 2016 Annual International Conference, Lexington, Kentucky.

Edwards, N. & Steed, E. (2016, November). *Building Capacity for Objective Peer Observation Data and Self-Reflection: Pilot Study Insights on Peer Coaching with Early Childhood Educators*. Single paper at the Teacher Education Division (TED) 2016 Annual International Conference, Lexington, Kentucky.

Edwards, N. & Gallagher, P. (2016, November). *Recruiting and Providing Professional Development for Early Intervention Providers: Insights from Special Instructor and Service Coordinator Data in One State*. Interactive paper at the Teacher Education Division (TED) 2016 Annual International Conference, Lexington, Kentucky.

Edwards, N. & Steed, E. (2016, October). *Empowering Early Childhood Providers to Collect and Reflect on Peer Observation Data*. One-hour oral presentation at the Division for Early Childhood’s 32nd Annual International Conference. Louisville, KY.

Edwards, N. (2016, October). *Seeking Family Feedback to Inform Programmatic Decisions: Insights for Early Childhood Administrators*. One-hour oral presentation* at the Division for Early Childhood’s 32nd International Conference, Louisville, KY.

Edwards, N. (2016, April). *Seeking Family Feedback to Inform Programmatic Decisions: Insights for Early Childhood Administrators*. Poster presentation at the International Council for Exceptional Children Conference. St. Louis, MO.

Edwards, N. (2016, February). *Family and Provider Perceptions of Early Intervention: Overlooked Considerations that May Influence Outcomes*. Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention (CRIEI). San Diego, CA.

Edwards, N. (2015, November). *Considerations When Coaching Families in Early Intervention: Insights from Providers & Families*. Poster presentation, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) National Convention. Denver, CO.

Edwards, N. (2015, October). *Missed Opportunities: How Can We Collaborate to Improve Early Intervention Referrals?* One-hour oral session at the Division for Early Childhood's 31st Annual International Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Edwards, N. (2015, October). *Revisiting How We Coach Families in Early Intervention: Provider and Family Perceptions.* Poster presentation at Division for Early Childhood's 31st Annual International Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Hebron, H. & **Edwards, N.** (2015, October). *Helping Early Childhood Providers Understand Positive Behavior Supports and Use Data-Driven Interventions.* Poster at Division for Early Childhood's 31st Annual International Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Edwards, N. (2015, April). *Self-Reported Maternal Expressiveness: Consider Low Positive Expressiveness and High Negative Expressiveness as Separate Constructs.* Poster presentation at the international American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference. Chicago, IL.

Edwards, N. (2015, April). *Partnering with Families to Embed IFSP/IEP Outcomes across Home and School Settings for Young Childhood with Disabilities.* Presentation at annual Early Childhood Education Conference, Rowan University.

Edwards, N. (2014, November). *Young Children with Behavior Concerns: Role of Speech-Language Pathologists in Using Recommended Intervention Strategies.* Presentation at American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's National Convention. Orlando, FL.

Edwards, N. (2014, October). *Pediatric Residency Training Directors: Attitudes toward Early Intervention and Role in Screening.* Poster, Division for Early Childhood's 30th Annual International Conference. St. Louis, MO

Edwards, N. (2014, October). *Extending Usefulness of a Positive Behavior Support Workshop for Early Childhood Programs.* Poster, Division for Early Childhood's 30th Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO

Edwards, N. & Gallagher, P. (2014, October). *Early Intervention Providers in One Part C Program: Insights and Unanswered Questions.* Poster, Division for Early Childhood's 30th Annual International Conference. St. Louis, MO

Edwards, N. (2014, April). *Opening your door: Developing partnerships to promote use of Positive Behavior Supports.* Presentation at Council for Exceptional Children Conference. Philadelphia, PA

Edwards, N. (2014, April). *Let's talk with parents about young children's emotional development!* Presentation at Council for Exceptional Children Conference. Philadelphia, PA

Edwards, N. & Gallagher, P. (2014, April). *Early Intervention Parent Educators: Lessons learned from family and staff evaluations.* Poster, Council for Exceptional Children Conference. Philadelphia, PA

Edwards, N. & Gallagher, P. (2014, February). *Early Intervention Special Instructors and Service Coordinators: Descriptive Statistics in One State's Part C Program and Needed Lines of Inquiry to Support Nationwide Provider Outreach and Retention.* Poster Presentation, Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention. San Diego, CA

Edwards, N. (2013, November). *Young children with behavior concerns: Role of Speech-Language Pathologists in supporting diverse caregivers.* Presentation at American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Convention. Chicago, IL.

Edwards, N. (2013, October). *Empowering teachers to support parents with young children's emotions and behavior.* Poster Presentation at Division for Early Childhood's (DEC) 29th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and their Families. San Francisco, CA.

Edwards, N., Gallagher, P., & White, S. (2013, October). *Early intervention parent educator program: Lessons learned from family and staff evaluations.* Presentation at Division for Early Childhood's (DEC) 29th Annual International Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Gallagher, P., **Edwards, N.,** Buttone, T. & Pineda, C. (2013, October). *How Can Early Intervention Providers Empower Diverse Families in Natural Environments?* Presentation at Georgia Association for Young Children (GAYC), Atlanta, GA.

Edwards, N. (2012, December; 2011, December). *Addressing roadblocks to promoting positive classroom behavior.* Presentation at Georgia State University's Positive Behavioral Supports Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Edwards, N. M., Gallagher, P. A., & Armond-Walker, L. (2012, November). *Empowering diverse families in natural environments: Considerations for EI providers.* Poster presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Edwards, N. M., Gallagher, P. A. & White, S. (2012, November). *Evaluating the role of parent educators in early intervention: Empowering families.* Presentation at the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA

Edwards, N. M., Gallagher, P. A., & Green, K. (2012, October). *Child Find initiatives for Part C: Seeking earlier detection and screening.* Poster presentation at the Division for Early Childhood's Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Minneapolis, MN.

Edwards, N. M., Gallagher, P. A., Kaiser, E., & Barnes, C. (2012, September). *Facilitating smooth transitions for families exiting Early Intervention.* Presentation at Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children (GAYC), Atlanta, GA

Edwards, N. (2012, February). *The Maternal Role in Promoting Emotional Competence: Predicting Head Start Mothers' Expressiveness, Perceived Role, and Receptivity to Support.* Poster presented at 2012 Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention (CRIEI), San Diego, California.

Edwards, N. (2011, December). *Laying Strong Foundations: Helping Caregivers Nurture Emotional Development.* Presentation at the 2011 No Excuses TASH Conference in Atlanta, GA

Edwards, N., Gallagher, P., Lewis, K. & Oschack, J. (2011, October). *Empowering Families of Young Children with Special Needs: The Role of Parent Educators in Georgia's Early Intervention Program.* Presentation at the Georgia Association for Young Children (GAYC) Conference, GA.

Edwards, N., Gallagher, P., & Lewis, K. (2011, November). *Empowering Families in Early Intervention: The Role of Parent Educators.* Poster presented at the Annual International Division for Early Childhood Conference, National Harbor, Maryland.

Laushey, K. & **Edwards**, N. M. (2011, October). *Making modifications for children with special needs across the 5 domains and activity settings in the inclusive environment*. Presentation at the Georgia Association for Young Children Conference, GA.

Edwards, N. (2011, April). *Insights from Head Start Mothers: Need for Tailored Maternal Supports to Help Nurture Preschoolers' Emotional Development*. Two-hour presentation, University of Georgia's Responsive Early Education for Diversity (REED) Seminar Series, Athens, GA

Edwards, N. (2010, October). *The Maternal Role in Emotional Competence: Factors Associated with Expressiveness, Perceived Role, and Receptivity to Support*. Presentation at the Research Symposium, Georgia Association on Young Children Conference; Gwinnett, GA

Edwards, N. (2010, Sept.) Guest speaker, *Opportunities in the Field of Early Intervention*, sharing experiences with middle school students at an Annual Career Fest. Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA

Instructional Presentations

Edwards, N. (2015, June). *Preventing and Addressing Bullying on Camp Grounds*. Invited presentation/workshop for Counselors in Center Valley, PA.

Edwards, N. (2015, January). *Integrating Diversity into the College Classroom*. Invited presenter/facilitator; webinar for College of Education faculty, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ.

Edwards, N. (2012, October; 2011, October; 2010, October). *Part C: Early Intervention Systems and the IFSP*. Lecture, EXC 7650 Characteristics of Young Children with Disabilities (MA level). GSU, GA

Edwards, N., Gallagher, P., & Steed, E. (2012, October; 2011, October). *Early Intervention Support Services: Part C of IDEA and Transition to Part B*. Invited two-hour presentation for Georgia LEND program (Georgia Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Program).

Edwards, N. (2010, September). *Rewarding Experiences in Early Intervention*. Lecture in Methods for Teaching Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities [Birth through Five (B-5) program]. GSU, Atlanta, GA

Edwards, N. (2009, March). *Behavior Management for Infants and Toddlers*. Lecture, Field Placement Seminar. University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Edwards, N. (2009, February; 2008, February; 2007, June). *Early Childhood Special Education*. Presented in Introduction to Special Education course. U. of Maryland, College Park, MD

Edwards, N. (2008, October). *Classroom Management*. Lecture, Curriculum and Instruction in ECSE course (MA Level). U. Maryland, College Park, MD

Edwards, N. (2008, August). *Promoting Positive Classroom Behavior*. Post-research presentation for in-service preschool educators, Center for Young Children, College Park, MD

Edwards, N. (2005, June). *Challenging Behavior and Effective Strategies*, Kennedy Child Study Center, NY

GRANTS & EFFORT TO SECURE FUNDING

National

- April 2024-submission **Edwards, N. M., Stapel-Wax, J., Kaiser, E., & Brasher, S.**
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Autism First Grant
Department of Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health
Bureau, Office of Epidemiology and Research, Division of Research
Project: *Coordinated Community Approach to Strengthening Awareness, Accountability, and Action in Early Social-Communication Delay*
(Rowan University - Emory University Partnership)
Lead PI
Amount: \$300,000/year for 3 years
Pending submission/review
- 2/2024-2/2025 **Edwards, N. M., & Isik-Ercan, Z.**
NJ Health Foundation Community Health, Social Services & Education Grants Program
Project: *Bolstering Community Stakeholders' Awareness, Self-Efficacy, and Outreach to Strengthen Partnerships with and Supports for Immigrant Families of Young Children (Birth-5)*
Lead PI
Amount: **\$35,000**
Funded (Grant # PC 62-24)
- January 2024 **Edwards, N. M., Stapel-Wax, J., & Kaiser, E.**
Kellogg Foundation
Project: *Coordinated Community Approach to Strengthening Awareness, Accountability, and Action in Early Social-Communication Delay*
Lead PI
Amount: —
Letter of Intent declined (not as aligned with foundation priorities)
- 2019-2022 **Isik-Ercan, Z., Edwards, N. M., Lu, H., Selznick, R., Fall, M., & Sebti, L.**
Camden Health Research Initiative Grant
Project: *Understanding the Ecology of Immigrant Families and their Integration into Camden City: Multiple Systems for Health and Well-Being of Young Children from Birth-Age 5*
Co-PI
Amount: **\$150,000** (2+ years)
Funded
- spring 2021 Spencer, L., LoBuono, D., **Edwards, N. M.**, Accardo, A., Meenar, M., Simmons, C., & Sonaike, A.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Project: Equity-Focused Policy Research: Building Cross-Cutting Evidence on Supports for Families with Young Children
Co-PI
Amount: \$200,000 (2 years)
Not Funded

summer 2020 Isik-Ercan, Z. & **Edwards**, N. M.
TD Bank: TD Ready Challenge Grant
Project: COACH and CONNECT: Building Parent Capacity for Supporting Health Development and Engaging in Meaningful Community Connections
Co-PI
Amount: \$745,000 (3 years)
Not Funded

summer 2016, 2017 **Edwards**, N. M., with Co-PIs (Drs. B. Dever, R. Dihoff, & L. Vernon-Dotson)
Consultants (Dr. Z. Ercan, Dr. E. Steed, consultant for online course & app);
approval from 3 site directors (center-based programs in Philadelphia and Allentown, PA, & NJ State Early Intervention program)
Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Special Education Research; Early Intervention and Early Learning in Special Education; Goal 2: Development/ Innovation, IES (84.324A17)
Project: *Developing and Implementing an Emotion Coaching Intervention for Teachers in Early Intervention and Inclusive Early Childhood Settings*
Program Director/ Lead PI
Amount in 2016: \$1,112,053 (3 years); 2017 revision: \$1,224,616 (3 years)
Not Funded

2015: Project: *Enhancing Early Childhood Emotional Development after Child Abuse through a Needs Assessment Study of Vested Key Players**

December **Edwards**, N. M.
2015* Charles LaFitte Foundation
Lead PI
Amount: \$5000
Not Funded: LOI declined

June **Edwards**, N. M.
2015* Caplan Early Childhood Foundation
Lead PI
Amount: \$43,766
Not Funded: LOI declined

November **Edwards**, N. M.
2015* Spencer Foundation
Lead PI
Amount: \$50,000 (submitted application with budget)
Not Funded (limited funds)

April **Edwards**, N. M.
2015* Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Lead PI
Amount: \$28,000 (2 years)
Not Funded: LOI declined

**Given site director interest, following the above attempts, a non-funded version took place 2016-2017.*

Internal

summer/fall 2023 **Edwards**, N. M., & Houser, K.
Rowan University College of Education Faculty Research Fellowship
Project Title: Factors Associated with Incarcerated Parents' Self-Efficacy and Perceived Readiness to Reunify with their Child(ren) on Reentry
Co-PI
Amount: **\$10,000**
Funded (e.g., supported graduate student worker: literature; SPSS coding)

- summer 2023 **Edwards, N. M., Accardo, A., Drelick, A., and other program team members**
 College of Education Program Innovation Award, Rowan University
 Lead/Program Coordinator, *MA in Special Education & Inclusive Practices*
 Amount: **\$3500**
Funded, with deliverables including:
- *Book study for faculty/adjuncts (Demystifying Disability by E. Ladau)*
 - *Content specialist: UDL on syllabi, assignments, module access*
 - *Content specialist: orientation materials (disability models, neurodiversity)*
 - *Guest speaker disability self-advocate - content-related recordings*
- summer 2021 **Edwards, N. M.**
 Rowan University College of Education Faculty Research Fellowship
 Project Title: Systems Supporting Early Emotional Development Post-Abuse
 and/or Neglect: Survey of Family Court Judges and Juvenile Hearing Officers
 Lead PI
 Amount: **\$2500**
Funded
- summer 2015 **Edwards, N. M.**
 Rowan University Internal Seed Grant Funding
 Project Title: Provider and Caregiver Perceptions of Part C Early Intervention
 Coaching and Use of Recommended Practices by Members of One’s Informal
 Support System
 Lead PI
 Amount: **\$9600**
Funded

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Certifications

New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education (2006-present)
 New York State Preliminary Certification in Elementary Education (2001-2006)
 Certified Child Life Specialist (2003-2008)

Organizational Membership

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) (2001 - present)
 CEC’s Division for Early Childhood (DEC) (2001 – present)
 CEC’s Teacher Education Division (TED) (2014 – present)
 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) (‘09, ‘14 – present)
 American Educational Research Association (AERA) (2014 – present)
 Zero to Three (2017 – present)
 The Child Life Council (2003-2008)

SERVICE

Department Service

Department Master's in Special Education Program Committee (fall 2017 – present)

Coordinator and Advisor, MA in Special Education & Inclusive Practices (Aug. 2019 – present)

Coordinator and Advisor, TOSD Graduate Endorsement (August 2019 – present)

Course Facilitator:

Implementing Positive Behavior Supports (SELN 10581)

Clinical Practice (SPED 08520)

Clinical Seminar (SELN 10592)

Characteristics of Young Children with Disabilities and their Families (ECSE 10500)

Education and Psychology of Students with Disabilities (SPED 08555)

Department Sabbatical Committee – Chair (fall 2019, fall 2022, fall 2023)

Department Curriculum Committee (fall 2013 – present)

Co-Chair (fall 2017 – spring 2018); Chair (fall 2018 – spring 2020)

Department Special Education Advisory Board (spring 2016; fall 2019 – present)

Department Search Committee, Co-chair (fall 2022)

Department Tenure and Recontracting Committee (fall 2018 – spring 2020)

Member, reviewing and providing written feedback

Department Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Certificate of Graduate Study Committee

Syllabi development, course development and recruitment (fall 2018 – present)

Department Early Childhood Program Committee (fall 2015 – spring 2019)

Department Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD) Committee (fall 2013 – fall 2019)

Course Facilitator, Post Bac Positive Behavior Supports (fall 2013 – fall 2019)

Department Student Progress Committee (fall 2013 – fall 2014)

Department Personnel Committee (fall 2015 – fall 2017)

Department Budget Committee (fall 2013 – spring 2018; spring 2020)

Workgroup Member, Special Education track in new PhD in Education (fall 2014)

Collaborated to align all seven courses with CEC Advanced Standards and identify a signature assignment per course; Co-Developed a doctoral course proposal, *Personnel Preparation and Effective Teaching in Special Education*; Developed a doctoral course proposal, *Access, Success and Equity in Special Education*

Workgroup Member, Chair Election Committee

Appointing chair, fall 2015 Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Education Department (spring 2015)

Workgroup Member, Teacher of Students with Disabilities Endorsement

Inter-rater reliability meeting (for PBS signature assignment) and collaborated to revise PBS signature assignment rubric, March-April 2015

Workgroup Member, Early Childhood Special Education Certificate of Graduate Studies

Proposal finalized and submitted, spring 2016

Recruitment, planning, and course development, 2018-2019

Search Committee Member

F/T, tenure-track, *Quantitative Methodologist* (applications, fall 2015, September 2016 appointment)

F/T, tenure-track position, *Early Childhood* (applications, fall 2015, September 2016 appointment)

F/T, tenure-track position, *Early Childhood* (applications, spring 2017, re-opened search fall 2017)

F/T tenure track, two positions, *Special Education* (September 2018 appointment)

Lecturer position, *Special Education* (September 2018 appointment)

Assessment Coordinator, Dean's Office, College of Education (summer 2021 appointment)

F/T tenure track, two positions, *Special Education* (MA SPED/LDT-C) (relaunched 2023) - Co-chair

F/T tenured Associate Professor position, *Special Education* (MA SPED/Grad TOSD) (9/2024 appointment)

Peer Observations (adjuncts, 3/4, lecturer, and tenure-track/tenured faculty) - ongoing, as needed

College Service

COE Curriculum Committee (spring 2018 – spring 2020; fall 2023 - present)

College of Education CAEP Standard 3 Team (fall 2020 – present)

College of Education Restructuring Steering Committee (fall 2022)

Facilitator of Group 2: Distribution of Faculty Across Departments

Assessing faculty distribution and disseminating/analyzing results from a CED survey to better understand programmatic alignment considerations; collaborating to devise a data-informed alternate restructuring Plan B and C to share with CED colleagues

Search Committee Member, *Assessment Coordinator in the College of Education* (spring 2021)

Continuous Improvement Committee on Diversity (*Diversity in Action* Committee)

(2014 – 2019; 5 academic years)

Convener, subgroup on recruitment (fall 2014 – fall 2018)

Co-presented on piloting pre/post diversity prompts (AACTE conference, 2016)

Leadership Team for New Jersey Early Intervention (EI) Program

Invited Cross-College Member (facilitated by CASE executive director)

Meetings to engage in visionary work and strategic planning, 2016-2018

Advisory Team for MA in Urban Education and Community Studies

Invited to provide feedback and engage in course review (2016 –2017)

Inaugural Faculty Member, COE PhD Program (2015 – 2018)

Co-Facilitator, PhD program website (summer 2015)

Co-Facilitator, PhD handbook (fall 2015)

Applicant evaluation and discussion, January 2016

PhD Curriculum Proposal Revision requested by Senate (January 2016)

Developed syllabi, lectures, and assignment rubrics for two PhD specialization courses:

Access, Success, and Equity in Special Education (fall 2016) and

Research to Practice in Special Education (spring 2017)
Collaborative work on specialization redesign (fall 2016)
Ongoing meetings (e.g., recruitment taskforce) (fall 2017 – spring 2018)
Collaborative work to develop an outline of guidelines for newly devised option for students to serve as Teaching Assistants prior to teaching independently (spring 2018)

Teacher Education Redesign (fall 2014 – spring 2016)

Participated in Teacher Preparation Retreat, to discuss frameworks informing the redesign of the COE's Teacher Education program (summer 2014)
Curriculum Work Group Member, Teacher Education Redesign (fall 2014)
Site visit to Early Childhood Programs adhering to constructivist principles aligned with John Dewey's work (to brainstorm ways of infusing such a framework into the COE Child Development Center; invited by dean) – Bankstreet College in New York City, fall 2014

Special Interest Group: Urban Education (fall 2013 – spring 2017)

Developed an electronic COE Urban Outreach Survey to assess existing and desired outreach from COE faculty in urban and underserved areas (*sent to SIG members for feedback; spring 2014 sent to all COE faculty*)

Co-Chair (March 2014 – spring 2017)

Co-presented formal status update at COE meeting, April 2014
Supported new director of Rowan's Urban Teaching Academy (RUTA)
Co-facilitated forum for members to seek feedback, brainstorm and/or collaborate on urban-related research (in progress/completed) in a monthly "Urban Scholar Community" brown bag (spring '16 – spring '17)

Rowan University, College of Education Invited Presentations

- Co-Presenter (May 2017), *Growing Diversity Knowledge in Pre-Service Teachers*, sharing updates and brainstorming next steps with faculty; end-of-year COE meeting
- Walpole, M., **Edwards, N.**, Accardo, A., Rios, H., Browne, S., & Maddan, M. (February 2017). *Growing Diversity Knowledge in Pre-Service Teachers*. Faculty Research Panel, Grand Opening of the College of Education's Center for Access, Success, and Equity.
- **Edwards, N.** (February 2017). *Building Capacity for Objective Peer Observation Data and Self-Reflection: Pilot Study Insights on Peer Coaching with Early Childhood Educators*. Faculty Research Panel for the Grand Opening of the College of Education's Center for Access, Success, and Equity (CASE).
- **Edwards, N.** (April 2015). *Partnering with Families to Embed IFSP/IEP Outcomes across Home and School Settings for Young Childhood with Disabilities*. Early Childhood Education Conference, Rowan University
- **Edwards, N.** (January 2015; archived), *Integrating Diversity in the College Classroom*. Invited guest speaker/facilitator, webinar for COE faculty

Rowan University, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

Completed: S. Dube, Ed.D. Candidate (Methodologist); oral defense: 1/15/2019

In Progress: L. Sebti, Ph.D. Candidate (Generalist); oral defense: 3/28/2024
[One-on-One Meetings: 11/10/23: 2-hours; 1/8/24: 1-hour]

Accepted/pending: A. Rivera, Ed.D. Candidate (Content Area Specialist)
J. Grabowy, Ed.D. Candidate (Generalist)
A. Ziegler, Ed.D. Candidate (Generalist; Early Childhood specialist)
M. Lucchesi, Ed.D. Candidate (Generalist)

University Service

Appointed workgroup member, *Health Equity Institute*, Rowan University, 1/2024 - present

Mentoring Program (Mentee), Women's Alliance Network, Rowan University, 2023-2024

Commencement (ongoing, yearly attendance in the CED and/or University ceremonies)

Professional Ethics and Welfare Committee, Rowan University (2016-2017; 2019 – present)
Ethics Violation Sub-Committee (2021 - present)

Graduate Advisory Council, Rowan University (spring 2020 – spring 2022)

Consulting Scholar (fall 2020), *Virtual Mental Health Care and Wellness Training and Multi-Tiered Supports for New Jersey P-12 School Personnel, Students, and Families*
Collaborating on a White Paper with other colleagues across Rowan University:
Gauthier, T., Ieva, K., Joy, S., Kerwin, M. L., Lu, H., McCann, S., Miller, D., Simmons, C.,
Spencer, L., Williams, B., & Wilson-Hill, Z (at the time, it was pending passage of NJ state legislation)

Invited presenter, *Faculty Research Day*, Rowan University (March 25, 2020)

Invited faculty reviewer, Rowan University *Seed Funding Program* (spring 2019)

Faculty Center liaison, Department of Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Education (4/2017 – 5/2019)
Senate Sabbatical Committee, Rowan University (2017 – 2018; 2018 – 2019)

Invited panelist, *Young Athlete with a Concussion: An Inter-Professional Approach to Treatment*,
RowanSOM Inter-Professional Grand Rounds (2/15/2019)

Rowan University, *Leadership Team for New Jersey Early Intervention (EI) Program*
Invited Cross-College Member; visionary work and strategic planning, 2016-2018
Collaborated on a proposal to merge/house the EI program & Assessment Center

Invited panelist, *1st Annual Disability Research Panel*, Rowan University (April 4, 2017)

Student Relations Committee, Rowan University (spring 2016)

University Learning Community, Interdisciplinary (2013 – 2016)

Created a resource webpage on work-life balance for junior faculty (accessible 1/23/2015)

Community-Engaged Service

6/16/2022 Invited presenter, JCC Camp Staff Orientation on Proactive Supports and Maladaptive Behavior, Allentown JCC (33 attendees; 1-hour), Allentown, PA

spring 2021 Invited presenter, *Emotion Coaching among Providers and Parents: Supporting Early Social-Emotional Development*, 1-hour webinar, Brookes Coffee Chat Series (May 2021; over 1700 people registered and now accessible via YouTube)

spring 2021 Invited to meet with and support staff in an aftercare program to address an increase in behavior concerns among K-5 full-day remote learners, 3/10/2021, Allentown, PA

- spring 2021 Invited presenter, *Understanding and Embracing My Role in Early Social-Emotional Development*; three 2-hour virtual workshops
Invited by the Director of Professional Development and Research at Elwyn Early Learning Services (ELS), the preschool EI provider for Philadelphia County and the city of Chester (serving ~10,000 preschoolers annually)
- 12/4/2019 Invited co-presenter on disability awareness (Edwards & Freedman), *Reflecting on Dis/Ability and Embracing Neurodiversity*, 1st year Honors Students, Rowan University
- 9/3/2019 Invited presenter, *Embracing Proactive Strategies and Environmental Redesign to Promote Positive Behavior*, Religious School Professional Development day, Allentown, PA
- 5/17/2019 Invited presenter, 2-hour workshop (65 registered attendees), *Optimizing Therapists' Role in Early Social-Emotional Development*, TheraPlay, Inc., Annual Continuing Education Day, PA
- 11/2018 Invited speaker on disability awareness, Diversity Dinner for 1st year Honors Students
- summer 2015 Connected child care director with resources (e.g., scripted stories, visuals) to assist children with maladaptive behavior (birth-5 program; Allentown, PA)
- summer 2015 Invited presenter on anti-bullying for 30+ camp counselors, Northeastern, PA (i.e., enhancing sensitivity, recognizing signs, and understanding of steps to take when bullying occurs); invited by camp director, B. Finberg; June 2015
- 2014- 2015 Invited, informal feedback on child with prolonged behavior concerns (fall 2014); provided ECE director with suggestions to discuss developmental concerns with parents (spring 2015); *Early Childhood Demonstration Center*, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ
- fall 2014 Invited, 50-minute presentation for high school students at the New Jersey Future Educators Association (NJFEA; October, 2014); presentation entitled, "*Discovering Your Path: Rewarding Career Options in Special Education*"
- spring 2014 Invited, two-hour workshop on *Positive Behavior Support*, childcare program, Allentown, PA
- spring 2014 Invited, hiring committee selecting an ECE program director, Allentown, PA

State-Level Service

New Jersey State Interagency Coordinating Council (NJ SICC)

Appointed by Governor Murphy to the New Jersey SICC, advising and assisting the state lead agency staff in the NJ Department of Health regarding the NJ Part C Early Intervention Program (November 2020 - present)

- Meetings, NJ SICC (open to public; every other month)
- Chair, Family Support and Transition Committee of the NJ SICC
 - 2021 - Present - Overseeing a team of 11-15 stakeholders in the state in monthly work meetings focused on closely examining the issue of low screening/referral rates among birth-1 (*to make yearly recommendations to the NJ Department of Health based on a four-pronged assessment of exemplars in NJ, exemplars in U.S., voices from the field in lowest performing NJ counties, and a review of the literature*); focus on transition added as a workgroup in 2022.

- 11/14/2023 - Invited guest speaker for the first 30-minutes of the monthly Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (REIC) meeting; shared an overview of what our Child Find subgroup/task force found from our multi-website review (from the lens of a new parent considering a referral)

New Jersey Part C of IDEA (birth-36 months) Early Intervention (EI) Program

- Invited workgroup member, *Steering Committee for the NJ EI System*, preparing for and submitting an Annual Performance Report, Office of Special Education Programs (2020, 2021)
- Invited workgroup member, NJ Department of Health, *Annual Performance Report/State Performance Plan Target Setting Subcommittee*, discussing Indicator 11 (summer - fall 2021)
- Invited workgroup member, NJ Department of Health, discussing Indicator-C4 (Family Outcomes) and reviewing the effectiveness and distribution of the current family survey tool for families in *New Jersey's Part C Early Intervention program* (fall 2021 - present)

Division for Early Childhood, New Jersey subdivision

Faculty advisor, fall 2016 – fall 2021

Executive Board Member, fall 2019 – fall 2021 (*Early Intervention Liaison; 2.5 years*)

(Meetings, reviewing survey data, and brainstorming with board members; members elected to reset/pause at the end of fall 2021)

Think Babies Coalition: Advocates for Children of New Jersey (New Jersey Pritzker Initiative)

Member, Infant Mental Health (IMH) Workgroup (June 2020 – spring 2022)

Co-Lead, Data Goal Action Team (fall 2020)

National and Professional Service

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Conference Proposal Reviewer (2015 – 2017; 2020 – present)

Discussant, Roundtable (4/2022): *Families and Children Navigating during COVID-19*

Discussant, Roundtable (4/2021): *Family Engagement in Early Childhood*

Discussant, Paper Session (4/2019): *Promoting School-Community Partnerships*

Program Co-Chair (2018-2020)

Family, School, Community Partnerships Special Interest Group (SIG)

- Based on peer reviewer ratings/comments, co-creating the full multi-day SIG program (theme-based roundtables, poster sessions, paper sessions) and assigning chairs/discussants at two consecutive AERA annual meetings.

Dissertation Award Committee Co-Chair, *FSCP SIG* (spring 2019)

Co-Chair-Elect (2020-2022), *FSCP SIG* (#43) (elected; two-year term)

Appointed, SIG Co-Chair (2022-2024), *Family, School, Community Partnerships SIG*

- Co-facilitating monthly executive board meetings
- Initiated SIG Community of Practice meetings to foster meaningful connections and discussion of timely topics to reach more of our cross-disciplinary 220+ SIG members throughout the academic year
- Co-facilitator, SIG Business Meeting

Executive board position of past co-Chair (2024-2026) –

- Continuing to serve on the executive board, contributing to monthly meetings, the devised CoP and proposal review process, and overseeing nominations for new positions after we conclude our term as AERA SIG co-chair at the end of the April 2024 annual meeting

Division for Early Childhood (birth - eight) - Subdivision of the Council for Exceptional Children

Peer-Reviewer, proposals for the Annual DEC Conference (spring 2016 – present)

Chair, *DEC Community of Practice Development Committee* (Two-Year Term: 2/2024 - 2/2026)

Appointed member since 7/1/2022 {overseeing/supporting facilitators across multiple DEC CoPs (groups of professionals and families consisting of DEC members and nonmembers interested in one of the following topics: family partnership, infant mental health, leadership, policy & advocacy, service coordination, professional development, Early Intervention, and efforts to enhance the quality of doctoral education in EI/ECSE)}

Member, *DEC Research Committee* (April 2020 – June 2022; appointed to a two-year term)

Sub-Committee: Interdisciplinary Support to EI/ ECSE and Partners; monthly meetings

Member, *DEC's Advisory and Editorial Work Group*

Revising the Response to Intervention (RTI) Framework paper (3/2018 – 12/2019): Multi-Tiered System of Support Framework in Early Childhood: Description and Implications

Co-Leader, *Early Intervention Special Interest Group/ Community of Practice* (11/2016 – 12/2018)

Member, Special Interest Groups:

Early Intervention Special Interest Group (Oct. 2015 – present)

Child Well-Being Special Interest Group (July 2016 – July 2018) - Written feedback on new position statement on Child Maltreatment (July 2016)

DEC's Technology and Communication Council (May 2015 – May 2018)

Editorial Board Member, Associate Editor

Journal of Child and Family Studies (December 2022 - present)

- International peer-reviewed journal; Impact Factor: 2.784
 - Manuscripts are assigned to Board members, who then select reviewers and usher manuscripts through the review process.
<https://www.springer.com/journal/10826>
 - “Serves as a prominent international forum for topical issues pertaining to the behavioral health and well-being of children, youth, and families; Focuses on individual, family, and community contexts that influence child, youth, and family functioning and well-being, with an emphasis on applied and translational research that informs policy and practice; Translates the latest research results into practical applications for providers, program implementers, and policy makers”

Editorial Board Member, Peer Reviewer

Early Education and Development (2018 – present)

Journal of Early Intervention (2018 – present)

Teaching Exceptional Children (2016 – present)

Invited, Ad Hoc Guest Reviewer

- *Child Abuse and Neglect* (July 2022) - invited by guest editor
- *Journal of Child and Family Studies* (November 2020 - November 2022)
- *Early Childhood Education Journal* (April 2019 – invited by the editor as a guest reviewer on a manuscript assessing parent–educator written communication)
- *American Behavioral Scientist* (September 2018 – invited by guest editors of a special issue on qualitative policy analysis and research)
- *Young Exceptional Children* (April 2018 – invited by the editor as a guest reviewer on a manuscript addressing communities of practice)
- *Journal of Teacher Education* (May 2017)
- *Journal of Psychoeducational Assessment* (June 2015, April 2017)

Invited Consultant/External Reviewer

- spring 2024 Invited external reviewer, devised child survey
Project: *Police Athletic League Program Evaluation and Outcomes Study for El Salvador*; funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, US Dept of State;
PI: Dr. C. Saum; Co-PIs: Drs. K. Houser, J. Capellan, & E. Sorg
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Rowan University
- summer 2023 External Reviewer, Assistant professor applying for tenure and promotion
Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education & Human Development
University of Massachusetts Boston
- summer 2023 External Reviewer, collaboration experience for an assistant professor applying for tenure and promotion
School of Education and Human Development, University of Virginia
- fall 2022 External Reviewer, Assistant professor applying for tenure and promotion
School of Education and Human Development, Fairfield University
- 2021-2022 Invited reviewer for the DEC Recommended Practices Monograph on Leadership
“We value your experience and expertise in the EI/ECSE/ECE field. Manuscripts have been submitted that align to your expertise and we are seeking your respected, critical and caring input so that this Monograph provides professionals and families with current and relevant ideas and research.” - Division for Early Childhood RP Monograph Editorial Team
- fall 2021 Endorsement request to review and write an endorsement for a new book focused on K-12 students by Perez (2021): *The Social-Emotional Learning Toolbox: Practical Strategies to Support All Students*; Brookes Publishing
- fall 2020 External Reviewer, Assistant professor applying for tenure and promotion
College of Education and Human Development, University of Maine
- spring 2020 External Reviewer, University of Georgia (UGA) College of Education
Special Education Preschool program (Content validation of two program key assessments; required by GA Professional Standards Commission)
- summer 2018 External Reviewer, Assistant professor applying for tenure and promotion
Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Wichita State University

SELECT PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Emphasis on Cultural Competence & Promoting Equity

- *Cultural-Linguistic Diversity*, New York, NY, May 2004
- *Break the Cycle of Environmental Health Disparities*, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA, April 2012
- AERA 12th Annual Brown Lecture in Education Research, *So That Any Child May Succeed – Indigenous Pathways Toward Justice and the Promise of Brown*, 10/22/15 (webcast; Dr. Teresa McCarty)
- SafeZone Training, Rowan University (March 2018)
- Zero to Three webinar, *The Hope and Challenges for the Youngest Children Around the World*, April 4, 2018 (Dr. Lombardi; Panelists: Drs. Richter, Walker, Wertlieb, and Silver)
- We Are Not OK: Injustice, Action and Healing Series (via Webex)
 - *The Match that Lit the Flame: Unpacking Systemic Racism, Policing, and Resistance* (6/4/2020)
 - *I Can't Breathe: Discussion of Racial Battle Fatigue, Trauma and Self-Care* (6/8/2020)
 - *Speaking Truth to Power through Pedagogy: Anti-Racist Teaching in Higher Education* (6/11/20)
 - *White People, Do Something: A Dialogue on Whiteness and Allyship* (6/12/2020)
 - *Where Do We Go From Here? Navigating Campus and Community* (6/15/2020)
- AERA 17th Annual Brown Lecture in Education Research, *The Segregation Pandemic: Brown as Treatment or Placebo*, 10/23/2020 (webcast; Dr. William F. Tate)
- College of Education Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate Trainings
 - Module 1.1: *Intercultural Development* (virtual 2-hour training, 10/23/2020)
 - Module 1.2: *Systems of Power and Privilege* (virtual 2-hour training, 2/5/2021)
 - Module 1.3: *Understanding Culture* (virtual 2-hour training, 4/9/2021)
 - Module 1.4: *Identify Work* (virtual 2-hour training, 6/3/2021)
 - Module 1.5: *Implicit Bias* (virtual 2-hour training, 1/21/2021)
 - Module 1.6: *Microaggressions* (virtual 2-hour training, 6/17/2021)
 - Module 1.7: *Being a Better Ally* (virtual 2-hour training, 6/21/2021)
- Case Virtual Summit 2021: *Impact of a Pandemic and Social Injustice on Access and Equity in Education*, Friday, March 5, 2021.

Emphasis on Quality Service Delivery and Holistic Supports for Families

- *Natural Environment Therapy*, Staten Island, NY, May 2004
- *The Infancy Institute* at Bank Street College, New York, NY, June 2004
- *Challenging Behaviors* at the Educational Alliance, NY, January 2005
- *Identifying Feeding and Swallowing Disorders*, New York, NY, Feb. 2005
- *Autism* at the Institute for Community Living, New York, NY, May 2005
- *Primary Service Provider (PSP) Model*, two-day follow-up Training (led by Drs. Dathan Rush and M'Lisa Shelden), GA, August 2010
- *Promoting the Social Competence of Very Young Children: Bringing the Pyramid Model Home*, Coastal GA Center, Dr. Fox, GA, June 6-7, 2013
- *Building Children's Social Competence in the 21st Century*, 15th Annual summer Institute in Communication Disorders, Dr. Lisa Audet, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, June 20, 2013
- *Addressing Social-Emotional Issues with At-Risk Families*, virtual event with Zero to Three, Dr. Angela Tomin and Stephan Viehweg, 1/18/2018
- *Toxic Stress: Understanding and Mitigating its Impact on Young Children*, virtual event with Zero to Three, Dr. Sarah Enos Watamura, 5/3/2018
- *Caregiver Coaching Framework* (Drs. Shelden and Rush), Zero to Three, 12/5/2018

- *Talking to and Supporting Children and Ourselves During the Pandemic* (Dr. David Schonfeld from the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles), Webinar sponsored by National Association for the Education of Young Children, 5/7/2020
- *Supporting Young Children and Families using Telehealth during the COVID-19 Pandemic*, facilitated by Zero to Three, 2/10/2021 (1.5 hours)

Emphasis on Higher Education Supervision, Outreach, and Training

- *Danielson Framework Training*, Rowan University, July 10-11, 2014
- “*How Do I Help a Student I’m Worried About: At-Risk for Faculty and Staff*”, Kognito (www.kognitocampus.com) – online training, 12/31/14
- *Search Committee Training*, Rowan University, September 4, 2015
- *Ed.D. Dissertation Committee Orientation*, online, 12/7/15, Rowan University
- *Title IV Training*, 1/12/16, Office of Equity & Diversity, Rowan University
- *Reviewing the First Draft of Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education Personnel Preparation Standards*, Dr. Eva Horn, online webinar via DEC, 1/23/2019
- *Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training*, Healthy Campus Initiatives, Rowan University, 6/17/2020
- *Using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to Create Effective Educational Assessments*, Dr. Eric Moore, Magna Publications, sponsored by the Faculty Center, Rowan University, 9/29/2020
- *Inclusive Virtual Learning: Designing and Delivering an Effective and Engaging Conference Session*, Drs. Pretti-Frontczak and Causton, for conference lead presenters, sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, 10/19/2020
- *Setting the Tone and Expectations for Student Engagement*, facilitated by J. Perry, 1/19/2021
- *Search/Hiring Committee Implicit Bias 2-hour Training*, facilitated by R. Jones, 1/21/2021
- “*Help! I’m a Professor, not a Psychologist*”, Faculty Center & Dr. Lindsay Johnson, 9/27/2023

Emphasis on Scholarship and Funding-Focused Professional Development

- Two-day workshop on *Hierarchical Linear Models*, UMD, March 2008
- *Overview of the Grant Application Process at Rowan*, offered by the Office of University Advancement and the Office of Sponsored Programs, Rowan University, 1/29/2014.
- *Writing Winning Grants and Evaluating Capacities for Outcomes*, jointly offered by the Division of University Advancement and the Office of Sponsored Programs, 10/26/15. *Finding Grant Funding*, Division of University Advancement and the Office of Sponsored Programs, 1/27/16.
- “*Expanding Your Audience: Increasing the Visibility of Your Research*”, jointly offered by the Division of University Advancement and the Office of Sponsored Programs, 11/1/16. *Research and Scholarship during COVID-19: Opportunities, Challenges, and Strategies* CHSS virtual panel discussion, Rowan University, 6/18/2020
- *IRB Training – Transitioning to Cayuse*; 2-hour training; 8/19/2020
- AERA-OECD Webinar, *Education Research Worldwide in a Covid and Post-Covid World* (1.5 hours; 9/23/2020)
- *Research Funding Opportunities in Education*, facilitated by S. Robishaw, Diversity in Action Committee (DIA) & Center for Access, Success, and Equity (CASE) (1 hour; 2/26/2021)
- Completed a 4-hour course, *An Introduction to Social Network Analysis and Education Research: Core Concepts and Applications with R* (AERA Virtual Research Learning Series, RL2023-4; 8/10/2023).

AWARDS and DISTINCTIONS

2023	<i>Faculty Research Fellowship</i> , Rowan University, College of Education
2023	<i>Program Innovation Award</i> , Rowan University, College of Education <i>[Program Coordinator: MA SPED - funds to support initiatives]</i>
2022	Nominee, <i>Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award</i> , Rowan University
2021	<i>Faculty Research Fellowship</i> , Rowan University, College of Education
2021	<i>Foundations of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Certificate</i> (7 workshops)
2016, 2018-2021	NJ State Subdivision, Division for Early Childhood travel funds
2014, 2016, 2017	Assistant Professor Travel Grant, Provost's Office, Rowan University
2016	<i>Excellence in Equity</i> award, Rowan University, College of Education
2009	Special Education Endowed Fund, honoring Jean R. Hebler, U. Maryland, College Park
2001	Academic Achievement Award, New York University