

# Lauren Gould Alvarez

## Objective

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Become a team member at the university level in order to utilize skills in program coordination, dynamic classroom instruction, curriculum integration, or partnership development within the surrounding community in order to prepare graduates to survive and thrive in the world in which they live.

## Experience

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2008 to present                                      Jenks Public Schools                                      Jenks, OK

### Parent Educator: Parents as Teachers

- Manage caseload of over 40 simultaneous families using the Parents as Teachers Born to Learn curriculum through monthly developmental visits provided to infants and young children up to the age of three within the district as a part-time parent educator
- Collaborate with current school programs to deliver needed services to children with special needs and maintain a service continuum through enrollment in Pre-K and Kindergarten programs
- Provide yearly developmental screenings and ongoing milestone checklist assessments to identify potential developmental delays and refer to appropriate community and district resources
- Plan and lead thematic weekly educational play groups for parents and children up to age four with developmentally appropriate activities, art, and group songs

2006 to 2010                                      Jenks Public Schools                                      Jenks, OK

### Parent Care Center Coordinator

- Schedule and teach classes for parents and staff members in the district relating to family, parenting, educational achievement and communication while utilizing effective teaching methods to promote application of concepts
- Survey ongoing needs of parents and staff in the district to provide appropriate referral services, information and educational classes to directly meet current needs and individual campus needs
- Collaborate with current school programs and individual campuses for effective parent outreach
- Manage administrative tasks including customer communication, program budget, supplies, research, grant writing, webpage maintenance and registration for classes
- Created classes for parents and children to attend together with over 4,800 in attendance in five years and spearheaded program growth to over 1,000 yearly attendance
- Develop partnerships within the community to improve outreach and services to families within the district and surrounding Tulsa area

2006 to present                                      Oklahoma Marriage Initiative                                      Oklahoma City, OK

### Adjunct Workshop Leader

- Facilitate communication and relationship workshops utilizing the PREP, Within Our Reach and Within My Reach curriculums in a variety of formats including four week, six week, and weekend workshops as a part-time contract employee to groups ranging in size from ten to six hundred plus
- Develop new PowerPoint presentations, breakout activities and parent and preteen/teen classes utilizing a modified curriculum for effective teaching of concepts to a variety of audiences and workshop formats
- Volunteer to mentor new workshop leaders in effective teaching techniques and expand PREP workshop locations and community partnerships as part of the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative grant in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- Spotlight presenter for annual Forever For Real workshops to audiences of 600-800

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### **Experience**

2006 to Present

Family and Children's Services

Tulsa, OK

#### **Adjunct Family Life Education Instructor**

- Lead teacher for Active Parenting, Helping Children Cope with Divorce, Within Our Reach Couples Communication, Expectant Baby Care, and PREP classes to voluntary or court mandated groups ranging from 10-300
- Developed and implemented classes for parents to attend with children at satellite locations concerning dealing with anger in the family, teaching children responsibility, bullying/cyber bullying, setting goals, as well as study and organizational techniques for school success
- Lead presenter for Family and Children's Services annual bullying workshops in collaboration with various community agencies concerning the topics of bullying, cyber bullying, internet safety and prevention strategies
- Consultant for effective outreach strategies, class promotions ideas, curriculum development and program development for workshops offered through the Family Life Education department

1993-1996

Jenks Public Schools

Jenks, OK

#### **Fourth Grade Teacher**

- Taught fourth graders on multiple developmental levels in a variety of self-contained and team teaching formats with experience in inclusion for students with reading disabilities through Title I and teaching gifted students.
- Modification of lessons and classroom management to meet developmental needs; student assessment through rubrics and developmental screenings; parent communication through newsletters, phone calls and conferencing; and coordinating volunteer efforts for frequent parent involvement with multiple small group science experiments and other interactive curriculum activities.
- Ongoing maintenance of student cumulative records in light of state, school and individual requirements as well as continuous staff development through a variety of workshops to increase exposure to best teaching methods
- Wrote thematic reading and science curriculum during the summers to integrate school and state mandated objectives with fourth grade curriculum

### **Education and Grants**

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1987 to 1993

Oral Roberts University

Tulsa, OK

#### **Masters in Education with Elementary Certification K-8**

- GPA 4.0, 1993 Outstanding Graduate in Education, Graduate Academic Scholarship, Dean's List, President's List and Provost's Honor Roll

#### **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**

- GPA 3.7, Undergraduate Academic Scholarship, Peer Resident Advisor, Women's Resident Advisor Scholarship, Dean's List, President's List and Provost's Honor Roll

#### **Grant Recipient**

- Dibble Foundation Grant: PREP for Teens communication curriculum
- Jenks Public Schools Foundation: Financial Literacy curriculum

### **References**

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References are available on request.