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Education:

Utica College of Syracuse University – Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education – January 1970, Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology Child Life – August 1982.
Working toward Masters Degree in Child and Family Studies at Syracuse University.

Certification:

National Trainer / Consultant in Nurturing Programs and Nurturing Skills – Family Development Resources – 1987

Awards:

Recipient of the “Friend of Children Award” in 1993 from the Mid York Child Care Coordinating Council
Honored with the “Alumni Achievement Award” in 1995 from Utica College of Syracuse University

Professional Experience:

Executive Director of Parents Anonymous of the Mohawk Valley – 1984 to 1988.
Founder and Executive Director of The Family Nurturing Center of Central New York, Inc. (1988) to present, a private not-for-profit corporation devoted to providing family education, support programs and services for parents, children, adolescents, and individuals throughout Oneida County and Central New York. Provides special training and workshops for the community in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Offers training nationally, to professionals who work with families, to implement Nurturing Programs. Responsible for introducing the Nurturing Programs for Parents and Their Children to New York State (1986). Participated in piloting both the Nurturing Program for Parents With Special Learning Needs, and the Nurturing Program for Foster/Adoptive Parents and Their Blended Families in Oneida County (1987).

Presentations and Professional Committee Membership:

Through the Family Nurturing Center, has provided Nurturing Programs for Parents and Their Children birth to 18 years, and continues to provide training, workshops, and staff development in-services in nurturing skills.

December 2002 to present – Member of All Inclusive Care for Children Coalition – Utica Region

July 2001 to present – Member of Oneida County Healthy Families Advisory Board

Member of the Board of Directors of Mohawk Valley Refugee Center

Member of the Board of Directors of North Utica Senior & Youth Recreation Center

Member of the Board of Directors of Communities That Care – Oneida County

Chairperson of Communities That Care Family Strengthening Committee

