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| Experience | | Aug. 15, 2023 – Sept. 5, 2023 Maui, Hawaii  **Volunteer**  Children’s Disaster Services  -------  Sept. 2017 – Present Amman, Jordan  *Educational Consultant* Collateral Repair Project (CRP)  Working closely with local staff designed, trained, and implemented “Super Girls” program – a leadership program for refugee girls ages 6 to 12. Developed coaching protocol to continue program quality. Trained all CRP staff in developing a trauma informed community center.  ------ Sept. 2016 – May 2017*Peace Corps Volunteer* U.S. Peace Corps KWA-Zulu Natal, South AfricaPreschool Consultant and Trainer ------  2013 – 2014 Amman, Jordan  *Founder and Consultant*  Malki – Salaam Children’s Center  ------  Feb. 2011  *Appointed*  Disaster Risk Reduction consultant, UNICEF Middle East and North Africa    ------  Aug. 2009 – Jan. 2010 U.S. Peace Corps Naga City, Philippines ***Peace Corps Volunteer***  Save the Children, Philippines  School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction Technical Officer  ------  2008 – to present Boston, MA  *Affiliate -458-3866*  Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters  University of Massachusetts  ------  Feb. – Sept. 2007 U.S. Peace Corps New York, NY  *Recruiter*  ------  2004-2006 U.S. Peace Corps Republic of Moldova  ***Peace Corps*** *Volunteer* Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources  CCF – Moldova (NGO)  ------  2001-2004 Business Owner New York, NY  *Beryl Cheal Consultant Services and Disaster Training International*  ------  1994–1999 Portland State University Seattle, WA  *Preschool Education Specialist* – Head Start  ------- | |
|  | | * 1. WA State Community Trade & Economic Dev.   Olympia, WA  *Manager, Child Care Facilities Fund*  ------  1986-1989 Puget Sound Educational Service District Seattle, WA  *Head Start Director*  ------  1985-1986 Gaza, Palestine  *Program Planner*  American Friends Service Committee   * Developed strategic plan for establishing a training program for Early Childhood Educators in Gaza. * Started a school uniform shirt factory – procedures to go to preschools.   ------    1980-1982 Gaza, Palestine  American Friends Service Committee  Seconded to: United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)  *Director*   * Administered systems operations for 15 pre-school/kindergarten centers with 1,500 Palestinian refugee children and 70 staff. * Developed programmatic and administrative systems. * Supervised staff development and mother’s committees.   ------   * 1. WA State Department of Social and Health Services   Olympia, WA  *Day Care/Childcare Unit Manager*  ------   * 1. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,   Region X, Head Start Seattle, WA  *Head Start Program Analyst*  ------  1968-1970 Neighborhood House Seattle, WA  *Head Start/Child Care teacher*  ------  1959-1961, 966-1970 California, Washington  *Teacher*   * Head Start (Preschool for low-income children) * Primary School – Levels 5, 6 * Middle School – levels 7, 8 * Adjunct college teacher | |
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| Education | | 2019 Starr Global Learning Network Online  Certified Trauma Practitioner – Clinical  2006 – 2007 Columbia University New York, NY   * *International Trauma Studies (*Certificate program)   1982–1985 University of Washington Seattle, WA  *M.A. International Studies, Middle East*   * *Thesis: Refugees on the Gaza Strip, December 1948-May 1950.*   *Summer 1984 Yarmouk University Irbid, Jordan*   * *Arabic Language study*   *1973-1975 University of Washington Seattle, WA*  *M.Ed. Education, Early Childhood*  *1953-1959 University of La Verne La Verne, CA*  *B.A. Education*  ***Short Courses****:*   * *Emergency Preparedness U.S.A., Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).* * *Children’s Disaster Services, New Windsor, MD.* * *Earthquake Management, Earthquake Management Company, Seattle, WA.* | |
| Languages | | English, fluent (native speaker), Arabic (some fluency), Romanian (a little fluency) | |

Awards ReceivedNational Science Fellowship to study in Jordan, summer 1984

Certificate of Merit, Distinguished Service to the Community, 2007

The President’s Volunteer Service Award, 2007

Congressional Certificate of Merit, 2007

Finalist for 2019 Aidex Humanitarian Aid award

Memberships INEE (International Network of Education in Emergencies)

Association of Childhood Education International

**Publications “**Refugees on the Gaza Strip, December 1948 - May 1950," *Journal of*

*Palestine Studies*, Vol. XVIII, No. 1, Autumn, 1988.

“The Role of Schools in Rebuilding Communities After Disaster”, in *Comparative Emergency Management: Examining Global and Regional Responses to Disasters,* Eds: DeMond Miller & Jason Rivera, Taylor and Francis, Publishers, 2011.

Staff development Video/DVD: “Helping Children Cope with Frightening Events…What You Can Do!” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORKEbIE3AqA/>

Developing an Emergency Management Plan, A Workbook for Programs Working with Young Children (Family Childcare Homes). Self published.

Developing an Emergency Management Plan, A Workbook for programs Working with Young Children (Centers). Self published.

142 Ways to Help Your Children Prepare, Respond and Recover from

Disaster, Self published.

Presentations “The Role of Schools in Rebuilding Sustainable Communities After Disaster,”

presentation at the International Conference” Rebuilding Sustainable

Communities for Children and Their Families After Disasters”, University of

Massachusetts, Boston, USA, 2008.

“Helping Children Cope with Disaster, What Teachers Can Do,” International

Conference, “Mitigation of the Natural Hazards and Risk Impact of the

Environment and Society”, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 2005.

“Helping Young Children Cope with the Trauma of Violence: Strategies for

Schools”, Health and Human Rights Conference, 13-15 October 1997, Gaza

City, Palestine.

Designed and implemented various regional and local short training sessions

For early care and education staff – administrators as well as teachers/care

givers.

Various training sessions for local child caring entities.

Volunteer - US Peace Corps: Moldova, Philippines, South Africa

* With Children’s Disaster Services in: Maui, Hawaii (fire), Oregon (mud slide), Oklahoma (tornado), Texas (hurricane), NYC (9/11).

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