

Presenters

Roxana Garcia Chelin



Roxana Garcia Chelin has over 34 years of experience in Early childhood education. She has dedicated her career to positively impacting the lives of young children and their families. She began her journey as an Early and Preschool Head Start teacher. Transitioning into the role as Family Advocate Associate caseworker playing a role in strengthening Families and providing support to parents. She has also mentored, coached, and trained early childhood professionals on FCCERS, DRDPs, and other ECE competencies. For four years, she served as Trauma trauma-informed care consultant. Currently, in her new position as an ECE curriculum Administrator, she serves as the lead coordinator for the Trauma Informed-Care Cafes in San Bernardino County.

Sarah ShaBazz-Ugwumba, PhD



Dr. Sarah ShaBazz-Ugwumba received her PhD in Education from Walden University January 2019. Dr. ShaBazz is a professional educator. She has experience teaching students from kindergarten through Master's degree university level. She taught high school for four years before her 21 year tenure as a resource specialist on the elementary school level. Dr. ShaBazz was an adjunct professor at Pacific Oaks College (Pasadena Campus) and Cal State San Bernardino (Palm Desert Campus) before becoming a full-time professor of Child development at Barstow Community College. Her passion for teaching goes beyond the classroom. She coached the elementary girls' basketball team for five years, where her teams swept the annual tournament and won the championship in 2015. Additionally, she implemented an after school cheerleading program, which gave 55 girls 18 cheerleading opportunities at the basketball games. Dr. ShaBazz is the founder of a mobile tutoring company that provides educational support to students of all ages. She is also a civic leader and works in the community in programs that support women, their families, the community, and awards scholarships to high school girls. She is the immediate past president of Soroptimist International Victor Valley (She is now a Director and also serves as a scholarship chair). She is the section president of The High Desert Section-National Council of Negro Women. Dr. ShaBazz also serves as a group leader for the 11 and 12 year old girls in the Little Miss African American Scholarship pageant for girls 6 – 12 years old. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she takes pride in providing service to all mankind. She has also recently become certified Doula and provides service to expectant families. Dr. ShaBazz is the wife of Dr. Diala Ugwumba and the biological mother of eleven children: six sons and five daughters. She has 17 grandchildren. She is the author of seven books and has recently begun publishing books for others.

Karina Bravo, PhD



Dr. Karina Bravo is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Karina's entire career has been focused on helping at-risk children and their families. Her expertise was honed in a variety of different contexts to include: Preschool Teacher, Group Home Treatment Support Staff, Behavioral Specialist, Volunteer for ARMY Chaplain Services, MFT in private practice providing therapy & consulting, Director of Early Intervention for Project CUIDAR, Child Custody Recommending Counselor for the Superior Court of California and most recently as a university professor. Hence, she is well rounded in her capacity to understand and explain the world through the eyes of a child. She has presented at national and international conferences on childhood mental health. In 2009 she was a 30 under 30 Latino/Native American Recognition Honoree, as awarded by California State Assembly member Wilmer Amina Carter for outstanding service to her community. She enjoys teaching graduate level university courses at Cal State San Bernardino, Northcentral University, Loma Linda University, and currently University of Massachusetts Global (formerly Brandman University) to help future professionals hone their expertise in early childhood mental health and working with children.

Nancy Sherod & Denise Cates-Darnell



Nancy Sherod & Denise Cates-Darnell are Early Childhood Coordinators for San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. Together they work in the Early Education and Development Department working towards supportin gthe foundation, setting, and structure of early education and development services for all San Bernardino County children ages 0-8.

Annette Franquez, MA



Annette Franquez is currently the director of Victor Valley College Child Development Center and also the High Desert Region Coordinator for the CA mentor program. Prior to coming to Victor Valley College, Annette was a quality rating assessor and trainer for early learning programs that participated in the State Quality Counts California (QRIS). She started of her career in education as an Elementary School Teacher for Los Angeles School District, which allowed her to realize her true passion in Early Childhood Education. "It is a very rewarding field, where you can truly make a difference." – Annette

Dominique Metoyer



Dominique has been in the early childhood field for over 17 years. She found her passion when her career began in the classroom as an infant toddler teacher. After years with the children, she transitioned to a more supportive role as a coach/mentor and later settling in as a trainer. Dominique is an ECE Community Trainer for Child Care Resource Center in the San Bernardino County area while virtually supporting LA counties as well. What she enjoys most about the work that she does is being able to support and train providers to increase their knowledge, reach their goals and how their outcomes positively affect the children that they serve. Along with working with families, especially her role in facilitating their Nurturing Father's Program. Outside of work, her life revolves around her two amazing, smart, loving and very active boys. She has said being their mother is the hardest and most rewarding career but also her greatest gift. You will often hear her refer to them during trainings as they lead to many of her examples.

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Aileen Salamanca



Aileen Salamanca is a first generation student in her second year of the Child Development Master Program at California State University of San Bernardino. In addition, she is a Master Teacher for the Sunflower's Room, ages 21-35 months, at the Infant Toddler Lab School at CSUSB. A few of her interests include Baby Sign Language, mindfulness with toddlers, emotional regulation, and positive guidance.

Emma Nicole Herzog



Emma Nicole Herzog is currently a student in the master program, a Teacher at Infant Toddler and Instructor for the Child Development Department at CSUSB. She loves working with young children, families, and college students from diverse backgrounds. She teaches Infant/Toddler and Preschool courses. The main focus of her teaching revolves around interactions and guidance, curriculum, and play. Some of her interests include collaborative thinking, teamwork, relationship building, nature-based learning, mental health awareness, positive guidance, and trauma informed care.

Markus Law, MA



Markus Law has master's degrees in early childhood education leadership and applied behavior analysis. He is currently adjunct faculty at Victor Valley Community College, musician (guitar/vocals), the Owner and Sole Proprietorship for Pathfinder CD, and Owner and Puppeteer/Performer for Party Puppet Show. He previously worked as a substitute teacher and consultant for ML Early Childhood Education. He has coordinated various classes, presentations and workshops and presented at various local conferences (CAAEEYC, QSSB, NAEYC, Crystal Stairs).

Alycia Granado, MA



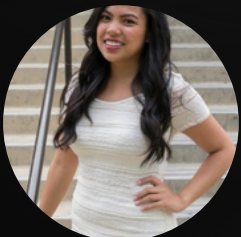
Alycia Granado is currently adjunct faculty at Crafton Hills Community College, as well as adjunct lecturer at CSUSB. She has been teaching child/human development, early childhood education, and psychology courses since 2014. She previously worked as a parent educator and curriculum developer for a parent education program, for parents and those who work with children, via The Parenting Center at The Institute for Child Development & Family Relations at CSUSB. She has coordinated various classes, presentations and workshops and presented at various local conferences, including the Children's Network Conference.

Rhiannon Ramkissoon, MA



Rhiannon Ramkissoon is currently adjunct child development lecturer at California State University, San Bernardino, and Crafton Hills College. Program coordinator and parent educator for Science of Parenting through ICDFR at CSUSB. Southern CA Connect Coordinator for Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy. MA in child development. Parent of two exceptional children. Research interests surround parenting and families (especially student parents and those caring for children with developmental differences) and improving care/education for all children through attachment-based practices.

Jaclyn Largoza, Ms



Jaclyn Largoza has almost 15 years working in early childhood education (i.e., preschool teacher, infant/toddler teacher, and school psychologist). She has two Bachelor's Degrees, Psychology and Human Development – Early Childhood, and a Master's Degree in School Psychology with a Pupil Personnel Services credential. She has been a school psychologist for 9 years and is in her 8th year at the Early Childhood Learning Center in Irvine Unified as a school psychologist at the district preschool. Her scope includes working with children who are typically developing and students with disabilities including, but not limited to, autism, speech or language impairments, intellectual disability, other health impairments, deaf or hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired, orthopedic impairment, etc.