

Dr. Jody Figuerido



Jody Figuerido has been working in the field of early childhood education since 1987. Her educational experience includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Stonehill College, a Master's degree from Lesley in Early Childhood Education: Curriculum and Instruction, and a Doctorate from Lesley University in Adult Learning with research completed on culturally responsive professional development.

Dr. Figuerido's work experience includes teaching in grades K-5, Director of an early education and care program, statewide training coordinator for the Department of Early Education and Care, college professor and supervisor of student teachers, and Director of The Institute for Education and Professional Development. This experience extends to service on state and national committees to advance quality early education and care.

These include serving as a Governing Board member and President of the MA Association for The Education of Young Children (MassAEYC), Policy Co-Chair, and Affiliate Representative to the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Committee work includes participation in various MA Department of Early Education and Care and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education committees and conferences.

Current roles and responsibilities include; editor for Quality magazine for educators, oversight on numerous state and federal grants for IEPD, supervision and support of master's level trainers and staff, articulation of course development needs, presentation at state and national conferences, implementation of train the trainers on various early childhood and leadership topics, collaboration on a state and national level, attendance at meetings to promote quality in the Commonwealth and nationally, certification as a CDA Professional Development Specialist, and continuous program assessment and response designed to support the mission of IEPD to support quality early childhood education.