



EveryChild California's Circle of Excellence
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Cassy Leggett
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Early Childhood Services

EveryChild California is proud to recognize Cassy Leggett, Shasta County Office of Education, Early Childhood Services, as the March 2020 recipient of the Circle of Excellence award.

The Circle of Excellence is awarded to a member of EveryChild California who has supported the Associations' endeavors and has shown outstanding leadership within the ECE community.

Cassy has worked for Shasta County Office of Education, Early Childhood Services in a variety of positions and just celebrated her 13 year anniversary. She is currently the Supervisor in Shasta COE's newly created Strategic Planning and Workforce Development department. Cassy also oversees Shasta COE's CCIP projects (Shasta and Tehama Counties), the Home Education Network and she is the Local Coordinator for Shasta County in the Quality Counts programs. She loves knowing and being involved with many of the services that Shasta COE provides. She is in the process of obtaining her Administrative Credential and a Master of Science in Educational Administration program. She enjoys learning and making connections within her community as well as across the state and is excited to see what the future holds for her role in the development of children in California. Congratulations Cassy and thank you for taking the time to answer our questions:

What has been most rewarding about your career in early childhood education so far?

Thankfully, the most rewarding part of my career has been exactly what I get to experience almost every day: helping people, whether families or childcare providers, be successful. I love hearing the stories about how our programs and services helped them to find a job, get the additional services their child needed, to expand their childcare business and just being able to watch children flourish. We often don't get to hear the gratitude or see the final outcome for much of the work we do, but when I do it total re-energizes me and reminds me as to why I strive for excellence in everything I do.

If you could give advice to someone who is new in the administrative role, what would it be?

The best piece of advice I would give to someone who is new is to administration would to be trustworthy, which for me includes understanding all aspects of your programs, being organized in order to manage the constant influx of information, and follow through with any promises you make. Our clients, parents, children and childcare providers, need us to navigate the vast systems of programs, policies and procedures in order to be successful.

What is your proudest accomplishment in your career?

My proudest accomplishment is to finally have implemented our Home Education Network. We do not have a CFCC contract but received approval to use some of our CSPP and CCTR contract dollars in the Family Child Care Homes. This approval and implementation process took about a year and a half and we are about a year into the process of building our Network. I am grateful to be working with an amazing group of childcare providers and being able to serve more families through our programs.