



EveryChild California's Circle of Excellence
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Janice Morimoto
State Preschool Manager
Footsteps Child Care, Inc

EveryChild California is proud to recognize Janice Morimoto, Footsteps Child Care, Inc. as the December 2018 recipient of their 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. We hope you will enjoy learning about fellow members, read more by clicking the button below.

Janice Morimoto is the State Preschool Manager for Footsteps Child Care, Inc. She has worked in Early Childhood Education since 1986, many of those years in Administrative Positions both developing and implementing programs.

She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development, with a minor in Education from the University of California at Davis. The emphasis of the degree is children from conception through age five. She also holds a Program Direct permit through the California Department of Education and keeps current taking additional ECE classes.

In 2008, Janice received the prestigious Mary Elizabeth Griffin Award from San Mateo County

Congratulations Janice and thank you for all of your contributions to the ECE community and EveryChild California.

Janice graciously shared her time with us to answer a questions. Congratulations Janice!

What has been the most rewarding about your career in Early Education so far?

I think that what I am currently doing is some of the most rewarding work of my life. I love helping families find stable reliable care for their children. I appreciate the trust and friendship that I have developed with the families in our programs. I enjoy helping children nurture a love of learning and exploration. The community we serve is the reason I love going to work each day and leave with a smile.

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

I think that I would tell them to hold on tight, and get ready for the ride of their lives. I know that learning all of the rules and regulations can seem daunting, but we are a close-knit group who are always willing to get out there and help each other. I know that you

will miss being in the classroom, and long for those days, but you are now in a position to influence the lives of so many more children and families. I know that I always make sure to schedule in time to visit the children and teachers in my programs and let them know what important wonderful work that they are doing.

What is your proudest accomplishment in your career?

I think that the proudest moment of my career is when I found out that I won the Mary Elizabeth Griffin Award. It was not the award that made me proud, but that it was the families of the program that I was the director of who nominated me for this award. To know that I influenced the lives of the families in my program in such a positive way was something I will never forget.