

RONICA RHODES

CHILD DEVELOPMENT &
BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIST

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated and patient Child Development Professional with over 7 years of experience in special education and early childhood environments. Specialized in behavioral health, IEP implementation, and supporting students with neurodevelopmental disorders. Proven track record in classroom management, data collection, and collaborative crisis intervention.

EDUCATION

- 2025**
BLACKBURN COLLEGE
 - Special Education Teacher Certification Program
- 2023**
SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY
 - B.S. in Child and Adolescent Psychology
- 2017**
LEWIS AND CLARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 - A.A. in Child Development

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

- Professional Educator License (PEL) & LBS1
- Illinois Substitute Teaching License
- Illinois Paraprofessional Certification (ISBE)
- Child Development Associate (CDA) Certification

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Alton School District 11** 2024 - PRESENT
Special Education Teacher
 - Develop and implement Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) tailored to diverse learning needs.
 - Collaborate with therapists and psychologists to provide comprehensive student support.
 - Utilize assistive technologies and evidence-based practices to improve academic outcomes.
 - Facilitate social skills development and maintain a safe, inclusive classroom environment.
- Alton School District 11** 2019 - 2024
Marketing Manager & Specialist
 - Supported special education programs through small-group instruction and behavioral intervention.
 - Managed data entry for student progress and ensured all IEP accommodations were met.
 - Assisted lead teachers with classroom management and administrative tasks.
- Various (Building Blocks / Step By Step)** 2017 - 2019
Early Childhood Lead/Assistant Teacher
 - Supervised children ages 3-5, focusing on literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional growth.
 - Served as Assistant Director (after 3 PM), managing office operations, phone etiquette, and billing.
 - Designed and delivered daily lesson plans focused on early childhood development.