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Beckie's Story

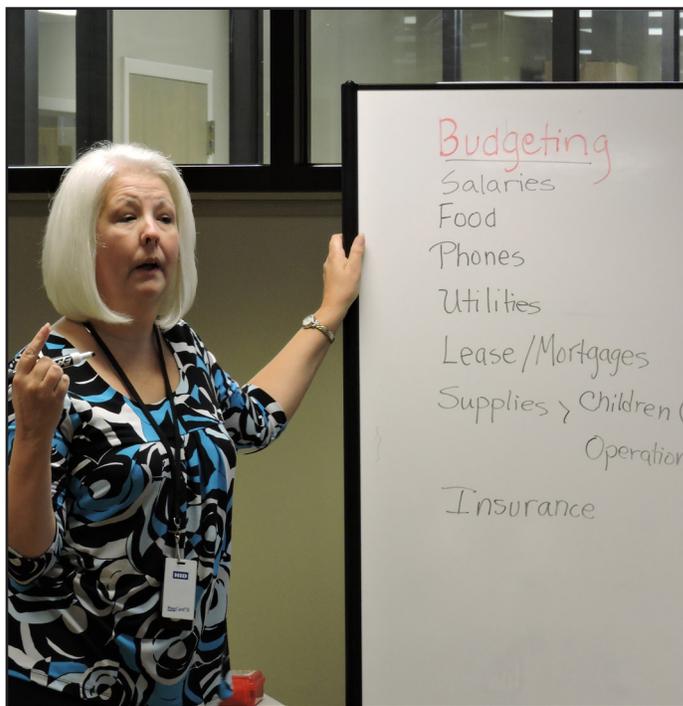
"When you do the right thing for children, you champion every child's right to high-quality learning experiences." – Maurice Sykes

When Beckie McRee joined the team at Childcare Resources, she had no idea the impact she would have on thousands of lives. She says, "I was born to plant seeds." As early as her teen years when she worked as a baby sitter, Beckie knew she wanted a career in Early Childhood Education. "My very first position as a child care teacher began before I ever graduated from college. Since then, I've taught every age up to third grade." Having served as an assistant director, as director at several child care centers and as a consultant for myriad child care programs, Beckie's career had spanned more than 30 years before she joined the Childcare Resources' team. As a child development consultant, she specializes in helping directors offer the highest quality child care program for their young students.

"My primary training area is supporting directors. I enjoy providing technical assistance for directors, and coaching and mentoring them. It is very gratifying to help directors, who want their centers to improve, by recognizing the goals they want to achieve and helping them discover how to meet their goals. When you share your passion and your vision with sincerity and integrity, you can affect your teachers.

"I love teaching reflective classes. Part of my role is to help directors discover who they are, so I am constantly looking for material which helps them to do this. We have to know our strengths and weaknesses and consider our abilities and personalities. That is the key to being able to lead other people. You have to know who you are and what you believe in order to do the right things for children. To be a part of making a difference in children's lives is all I have ever wanted to do. And it became my life's work."

Childcare Resources is fortunate to have assembled a team of program staff and administrative staff who are dedicated to improving early childhood education opportunities for all children in care in our service area. Through our training and technical assistance programs, we educate child care professionals and improve the quality of care they offer in their classrooms.



Beckie McRee, Childcare Resources' Child Development Consultant, regularly trains child care center directors on best practices in quality child care