

# Lauren d. Wel l e

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## Skills and Strengths

- Passion for teaching children
- Compassionate and empathetic
- Value leadership, ambition and tenacity
- Self-motivated, independent achiever and team player
- Able to multi-task and work well in high stress situations

## Education:

*George Mason University, Fairfax, VA*

**August 2007**

Masters of Education, **Specializing in Early childhood Special Education**

*Radford University, Radford, VA*

**August 2003**

Bachelors of Science, **Criminal Justice**

## Experience:

*Waples Mill Elementary -Fairfax, VA*

**2005 - Present**

*Rose Hill Elementary -Fairfax, VA*

**2004 - 2005**

Pre-School Special Education Teacher

- Teach 3-5 year olds with a range of disabilities
- Develop an Individualized Education Plan for each child
- Conduct home visits with families
- Collaborate with vision, hearing, physical, occupational and speech therapists
- Assess students' progress using Woodcock Johnson and Brigance
- Assist in interviewing candidates for preschool teachers
- Help create the School Improvement Plan
- Co-lead the Local Screening Committee for preschool
- Coordinate transportation using STARS for all preschoolers
- Served as Team Leader, 2007 - 2008

*Saint Colletta of Greater Washington - Washington, DC*

**2004**

Teacher's Aide

- Provided one-on-one instruction for an eleven-year-old with cerebral palsy and mental retardation
- Helped to develop a behavioral plan for the child
- Met regularly with the physical therapist and occupational therapist

*National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - Alexandria, VA*

**2002**

Full-Time Intern

- Assisted case managers in researching and following up on current cases
- Liaison between parents of missing children, investigators and center itself
- Updated files and wrote reports on progress of cases

*Fairfax County Department of Alcohol and Drug Services - Fairfax, VA*

**2002**

Part-Time Intern

- Identified candidates for detox center by patrolling streets with a professional counselor
- Administered breathalyzer tests, took medical history and checked vital signs
- Counseled patients in detox center

Full-Time Intern

- Shadowed a social worker, worked with inner-city families about crime prevention, education and children's health issues
- Ran programs for children in homeless shelters
- Observed testing of mentally ill patients

**Activities and Honors:**

- EpiPen certified, 2006-present
- Outward Bound Educators, Colorado, 2006
- Woodcock Johnson certified, 2005-present
- STARS certified, transportation data base, 2005-present
- Professional Learning Community, Leadership Conference, 2005
- CPR certified, 2004-2007
- Captain, Varsity Soccer Team, St. Margaret's School, 1998
- Recipient, Allen Memorial Award, St. Margaret's School, 1998
- Project Manager, AIDS Quilt, St. Margaret's School, 1998
- Proctor, St. Margaret's School, 1998
- Secretary, Senior Class, St. Margaret's School, 1998
- Participant, Field Hockey, St. Margaret's School, 1998
- Outward Bound, Hurricane Island, ME, 1998
- Habitat for Humanity, 1995, Jimmy Carter Work Project, Los Angeles
- Respite, 1994-1995, provided relief for caregivers of the seriously ill
- Patrick Henry Library, Vienna, VA 1993-1994, youth volunteer