



Greeting BEEP Parents.

As you may already know Carol Blatnick will be retiring as Director and I have been hired to replace her. She has left big shoes to and I am excited about the challenge and opportunity to be BEEP's new Director. I met the staff, visited each classroom, saw all the beautiful enthusiastic children, and I am looking forward to working with everyone.

A little information about my educational background and experience:

I received my Director Qualification in 1986 from the University of the Rockies in Denver, Colorado. Worked as Director at a few child care sites in the Denver area for a while. Eventually moved to Albuquerque, NM where I was the Director/Principal of Valley Christian Academy for some time. This was a toddler – 6th grade Christian School.

Around 1998 I became the Director of NE Montessori in Denver where the site was chosen by CNN to be broadcast nationally as a quality early learning center. Major Webb visited the program and read to the children. It was an exciting event for me.

In 2002 I became the Coordinator of Southern Ute Montessori Early Head Start 0-3 program where I remained for 10 years.

Having been semi-retired for a little while, and missing the children, I decided to apply for the empty position left by Carol at BEEP. Happy that the Board decided to hire me and I appreciate everyone's trust in me.

Additional education is BSL from Ozark Christian College, Masters of Art from Hope International University in Fullerton, California, and Montessori AMS Certification accredited through the University of Colorado at Denver.

A notable achievement that might interest you is my being selected as a Fellow with the Children's Defense Funds in Washington D.C. It is the world's leading child advocacy program. As a child advocate I have lobbied several times in D.C. on child related issues. Children need a voice in Washington as they are usually the least heard.

Again, thanks for your trust with your children and please feel free to call or visit me.

Respectfully,

Joe Michael Poynter