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Over the years, she has been an administrator in urban and rural areas, striving for the highest quality. As an administrator, she advocates for an intergenerational approach to engaging families and working in partnership with them to minimize Connecticut's achievement gap. Diane's professional content expertise includes: Building Cultural Competencies, Social Studies in the Early Childhood Years, Family Goal-Setting, Early Childhood Program Administration and the coaching process as a means to improve instruction. She is regularly invited to present on early childhood learning at national and statewide conferences.

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