

EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH

Early Childhood Behavioral Intervention and Mental Health Services to Children, Families and Communities

Project WIN (Wise Intervention Now)

Our early childhood mental health programs are designed to address the social and emotional needs of children from birth to five years old who are in family child care, child care centers or informal child care settings throughout Prince George's County and Anne Arundel County. Our programs promote positive social and emotional development, which is a key to school readiness. We work with parents and child care providers to address issues of expulsion from child care.

Project WIN services are FREE and include:

- Telephone consultations for child care providers,
- Site visits by project staff conducting observation,
- Program assessment and recommendations,
- Referral of children to community services, if needed
- Workshops for parents and providers
- Technical assistance services as needed.



Sheila Maness

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant

Sheila Maness is Director of Special Programs and has been a part of Prince George's Child Resource for three years. Sheila has over 25 years of experience in the fields of early childhood education and special education, and holds degrees in psychology and special education. She has worked as a teacher, director, educational coordinator, and was previously the Quality Assurance Specialist in Prince George's County for Maryland EXCELS.

Fun Fact: Sheila enjoys making quilts and taking walks with her Rhodesian Ridgeback Evie.



Danequa Offei

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant

Danequa Offei is a Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant at Child Resource Connect. Danequa has a B.S in Child & Family Development, and a M.Ed. in Special Education. She enjoys working with children and families and has done so for many years. Having the opportunity to give back to the childcare community has been very rewarding for Danequa. Originally from Norwalk, Connecticut, she has lived in Maryland for six years. She is a mom to a beautiful daughter. In her spare time she enjoys crafting and spending time with family.

Fun Fact: My favorite color is blue.



Tya' Burris

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant

Tya' Burris is an Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant at Child Resource Connect. She was born and raised on the Eastern Shore in Cambridge, MD. She graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 2003. She is blessed to have 2 beautiful children, a girl and boy, and loves being around family and friends from time to time.

Fun Fact: I love to go shopping and out to eat!



Paul Armstrong

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant

Paul Armstrong is a fixture at Child Resource Connect and the Prince George's County child care community since 1993. In addition to his role as a Early Childhood Mental Health Counselor for Project Win, Paul teaches Early Childhood Education workshops for the Resource Center. Known for his passion advocating for the rights of children with special needs and inclusion, Paul Armstrong was proudly awarded The ARC of Prince George's County 2010 Award of Excellence for Advocacy.

Fun facts: Paul has memorized all the Zip codes in Prince Georges County and has never worked for the post office. His family are avid skiers, and his mom is still skiing at 87 years old. Paul met his wife working at a summer camp for people with disabilities. They got married at the very same camp where they met.



Shelby Brown

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant

Shelby Brown is an Early Childhood Mental Health Coordinator at Child Resource Connect. Shelby holds a Masters in Counseling Psychology, and completed her clinical internship for her graduate program at a Youth Service Bureau. It was there that she provided individual, family, and group mental health services to children and their families.

Fun Fact: Outside of her work in mental health, Shelby enjoys completing arts and crafts!



Karla Simpson

Program Assistant

Karla Simpson is a Program Assistant at Child Resource Connect. Karla provides technical assistance and support to the Early Childhood Mental Health Team, The Childcare community and the families we serve.

Fun Fact: Karla loves taking family trips and she enjoys spending time with her grandsons