## What is your "why"?

Oakland Early Learning Symposium 2023-2024

## What drew you into the field of early childhood?

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field, helping children to communicate, be social, be important, and to see them grow with that voice in their mind that says I MATTER AND MY VOICE MATTER, MY FEELINGS MATTER.	
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← Children are fun, curious, love to ask	
questions. It is a very happy new beginning	
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	Yo decidi trabajar con niños ,porque es mi pasión y quiero que aprendan sobre todo con amor y paciencia y que ellos se sientan cómodos al momento de aprender										
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$\ominus$	Became a parent and was always there										
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$\ominus$	I enjoy my days with children. I learn a lot from them										
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<b>(</b>	I and others saw that I was good at meeting children where they are at and want to support their positive growth										
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$\ominus$	such an important time in a human's life.										
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$\ominus$	To work in the preschool with my children when they were there. $\bigcirc$ 0										

⊖	Knowing that I could help build a foundation of lifelong learning and social skills									
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$\Theta$	The opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children, families, and communities every day.									
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$\oplus$	after working for 5 years with survivors of sexual trauma, I realized the importance of attachment and the early years and just how profound these early years were for the rest of a person's life.									
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$\ominus$	I hope all little stars can smile and shine.									
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$\ominus$	I wanted children to see themselves									
	when they see me in the classroom									
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$\ominus$	I love the "aha" moments that comes with learning									
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$\ominus$	To make a difference into the next generation.											
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$\ominus$	Making a positive impact in the life of little ones ♥											
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$\ominus$	I always wanted to be a teacher											
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$\Theta$	It makes a lifelong difference if children have a positive early childhood education experience.											
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WI	nat was your vision of the impact you would have through your work with childre	n and	fan	nilie	s?							
$\oplus$	The impact I can bring by offering patience to too many in the classroom so they feel they have a safe space, many children live in homes that are going through hardships.											
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$\ominus$	Advocacy, sustainability, inclusion, accessibility, and support.										-	
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$\hookrightarrow$	I like to see children are learning new skills every day.									
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⊖	What if									
	What if every young child and their family had the resources they need to have equitable education and their									
	basic needs met in order to thrive? My guess is this will create the next generation of brilliant, capable, kind leaders.									
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	Leaving a positive impact on families, a teacher that they would remember with love and give them the best first experience at school									
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$\hookrightarrow$	My vision was seeing children recognize their potential of all the things they were capable of and all they could be.									
$\hookrightarrow$	Support families fulfill their dreams for themselves									
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	That through their positive experience they would grow and develop in a good way.									
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$\ominus$	Watching the growth and progress of their development									
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WI	nat did you imagine your days would be filled with/look like?							 		_
$\ominus$	Busy but fulfilling									
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	I imagined play, curiosity, watching them grow and learn									
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$\ominus$	Joy and laughter!									
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$\odot$	I learn from them									
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	Play, play, play!									
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