

Biographical Sketch for Rachel Ozretich

Rachel Ozretich, M.S., Certified Family Life Educator, currently works as an adjunct faculty member teaching early childhood education classes. She has most recently worked for Linn-Benton Community College, Oregon, during which time she was the lead author in writing a book that provides examples for implementing developmentally appropriate practices in early childhood classroom. She also writes a newspaper column for families, titled *Give Them Wings*. She has worked as a consultant with AGA Consulting, worked for the Oregon Commission on Children and Families as a Child and Family Policy Analyst, and worked as the Parent Education Coordinator for Oregon State University (OSU) Extension, Family and Community Development, where she was responsible for writing and evaluating Extension publications, advising state-level committees and agencies, and collaborating with other Extension parenting educators to develop a national framework of priority practices in parenting education.

In addition to her work as Parenting Education Coordinator, she was involved in designing and obtaining funding for a school-based intervention to teach TV literacy skills to children and families for two years through OSU. Rachel also conducted original research focused on sibling relationships and parenting practices, published as a book chapter.

Previously, she taught 3 years of parenting classes and lab for parents of preschool-age children, 3 years of parenting classes and lab for parents of toddlers, and 3 years of parenting classes for parents of babies through Linn-Benton Community College. She has presented many single-session lectures about parenting, 6 different types of multi-session parenting classes for parents of school-age children and several classes for mandated attendance parents through children's services.

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