



Dorthea King-Simpson

Dorthea is a Consultant for Early Childhood Professionals. Her knowledge and skills allow her to apply her strong expertise in the area of Training & Development. Before becoming a consultant, Dorthea served as a caseworker in the School Partnership for Youth Program, and as the Director of a School-Age Center, in the City of Utica. Most recently, Dorthea served as the Director of Family Childcare for over 8 years. She also served as the Director of Nutritional Services both for Rochester Childfirst Network.

As the Director of Family Childcare for Rochester Childfirst Network, Dorthea was pivotal in the development of three major programs, in alignment with its strategic outcomes. The re-vamping of Food-Link's Provider Purchasing Program, which increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price for daycare providers; the Family Childcare Refugee Grant, which delivers the NYS Health & Safety, and business training to refugees providing daycare in their communities. Dorthea and her colleague co-wrote and presented the Professional Development Curriculum, for Office and Support staff, which builds on the organizations professional standards.

Dorthea believes in the saying "The more you give the more you receive", and has an extensive history of volunteer service. She has served as a member of the board of directors for Family Services of Rochester, and The Family Childcare Association of NYS. She has served as a member of the League of Women Voters, The Mohawk Valley Frontiers Club and the Greater Utica Sunrise Rotary Club. Dorthea currently serves as a member of the Rochester Area Nutrition Education Network, The United Way Early Childhood Blueprint for Change advisory committee, SUNY Albany's Professional Development Distance Learning Committee, and the Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Directors.

Dorthea holds a BA in Psychology from SUNYIT, Utica NY, and a MA in Organizational Leadership from Medaille College, Rochester NY.

Dorthea enjoys spending time with loved ones, and practices the art of speaking, as a member of the Pinnacle Toastmasters Club. Dorthea is a wife, mother, and grandmother, and lives the town of Chili NY.