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Dr. Joyce Wright is Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Support Services (departments of early childhood, foster youth, prevention/health and mental wellness, research and assessment, services for homeless students, support for new teachers, Sly Park Environmental Outdoor Education Center, and AVID) for the Sacramento County Office of Education. She has over 40 years experience as an educator, teacher, school district coordinator, university instructor, supervisor of student teachers, educational researcher, and administrator of state and federal projects. Her doctoral dissertation at UCLA focused on factors related to student learning in the arts. She has in-depth knowledge of education issues from a theoretical and a practical perspective, as well as policy experience from her participation on various local, regional, and state committees, boards, and panels.

Dr. Wright's interest and involvement with early education and care began with her initial position as a teacher at a child care center in Richmond California and continues over the years to include teaching early childhood art at CSULA and CSU Sacramento; collaborating with higher education, the California Department of Education, and county offices of education to develop integrated programs for early childhood educators; spearheading local efforts for preschool expansion; and participating in various early childhood research and policy initiatives.

Furthermore, as a mother of triplets (now adults), she also understands personally as well as professionally, the immediate and long-term impact of children's experiences during their first five years of life.
