

Ed Sudario Candidate Statement

Educational Background

Bachelor of Arts – Computer Information Systems
California State University Dominguez Hills 1991

Professional Experiences

Lakeshore Learning Materials: 1988-2019

Assistant Retail Manager

Assistant Buyer

Bid Coordinator

Inside Sales Support

Territory Manager

West Coast Area Manager

Child360: 2019-2022

Vice President of External Relations

The Education Collaborative: 2022-Current

Workforce Development Consultant

Early Childhood Organization Participation

January 2023: Men and Early Childhood Education Committee Chair (CAAEYC)

Leadership Experience

As the Vice President of External Relations at Child360, I played a pivotal role in collaboration with our committed Sub360 team. Together, we strategically deployed substitute Early Childhood Education (ECE) teaching staff to programs grappling with staffing challenges amid and after the pandemic. Our collective efforts played a crucial role in facilitating the reopening of classrooms, empowering these programs to provide essential child care services. This support was especially instrumental for the workforce transitioning back from remote work.

Diversity and Inclusion Experience

The recent pandemic cast a wave of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty as we witnessed our friends, families, and loved ones grappling with the effects of COVID-19. Hate speech and civil unrest began to rise. At Child360, we initiated discussions on how to develop training programs for teachers and coaches, providing ECE staff with new tools and strategies. Once developed, many of these trainings, held cafe-style, provided a space for participants to have conversations about their own biases and ways these may impact their interactions with others. We held these cafe-style trainings for both our internal staff and programs we supported in the community. These resources aimed to empower our staff to bring cultural diversity, inclusivity, and sensitivity to the forefront, fostering a supportive environment for children and families.

Contributions to CAAEYC

With over three decades devoted to early childhood programs, I humbly bring a wealth of experience and insights, including roles in both for-profit and non-profit sectors. My journey has provided a holistic understanding of the complexities involved in maintaining a high-quality educational experience for children and families. Navigating the dynamic landscape of early childhood education, I've encountered and addressed various challenges faced by educators and administrators. It is with humility and a deep sense of commitment that I believe these diverse experiences can contribute meaningfully to CAAEYC. My aim is to offer valuable perspectives and collaborate with the organization in fostering excellence and innovation in early childhood education, enhancing the support provided to its dedicated members.

My Vision for CAAEYC

In envisioning the future of CAAEYC, my humble goal is to fortify and enhance the organization's steadfast support for its members. As a devoted thought partner, my goal would be to collaboratively address current challenges faced by early childhood programs with creativity and innovation. Concurrently, I am committed to supporting the president by offering insights and engaging in collaborative efforts for the overall success of CAAEYC. I aim to leverage my diverse experiences to develop actionable strategies that uplift both the organization and its members, cultivating a community marked by excellence and innovation in early childhood education. This journey includes providing essential support to the esteemed leadership of the organization.