

## *Dr. Hope Cannady* *Autobiography*



I have two sons and a wonderful grandson; we were all born and raised in NYC. I enjoy several genres of music and literature. My passion for education started when I had my first son 33 years ago. I love to laugh and like working as a team, collaborating, and brainstorming. I enjoy being around people who respect each other and clearly understand that we are all flawed people trying to do better and be better.

I obtained my doctoral degree in December 2024. My dissertation topic is "Early Childhood Educator's Perception on Play-Based Learning in Preschool Classrooms." I have been an Independent Education Consultant since 2017. I have my master's degree in early childhood education and teaching certification in birth to second grade obtained from Mercy University. I acquired my bachelor's degree in sociology at the College of New Rochelle in which I graduated Summa Cum Laude. I have my associate's degree in accounting from the Borough of Manhattan Community College. I have various certifications, such as Family Development Credential for Supervisors, Trauma Smart Facilitator & Coach, Motivational Interviewer and Reflective Supervision.

I owned my own family daycare program “Jesus’ Little Helpers” from 2005 to 2007. I worked as an Instructional Coach with the New York City Department of Education for 1 year. I spent 16 years working for Sheltering Arms at two of its 10 sites. I started at Sheltering Arms in 2007 as a group teacher in the infant room, working with eight children aged 6 months to 2 years old at Paul's House in the South Bronx and ending at Malcom X ECEC in 2021 in Corona Queens in which I served as the director for 11 years. My last role was as Senior Education Director assisting in supporting 8 sites, while working as the site director at Malcolm X ECEC in Queens, NY.

In 2015, I was awarded NAACP Freedom Fund Award Recipient for Education, two citations from the Office of Senator Jose Peralta, and a Citation of Honor from the Office of the Borough President, Melinda Katz for saving our school from closing.