

**Jeanne Bassis
P.O. Box 13
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-5732 playyes@playreflections.com**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR – PlayReflections®: Playshops for the kid in everyone 1/87 – Present Lead programs using a fun and engaging blend of games, imagination, relaxation, creative movement and music. Playshops encourage communication and foster self-esteem - the building blocks for skills in problem solving, stress relief, developing confidence and motivation for people of all ages.

SENIOR THERAPIST, DIR/Floortime, MA Autism Spectrum Disorder Home and Community Based Services Waiver Program, Independent Contractor through Community Resources for People With Autism 8/09-9/15 Develop and lead home-based educational program, providing on-going consultation services to the parents of children with autism and their team of in-home educational support staff. 5 families.

CONSULTANT/SENIOR THERAPIST – Community Resources for People With Autism, Pittsfield, MA 10/08 – Present On-going consultation with families with children on the autism spectrum.

RADIO HOST – IN THE SPIRIT OF PLAY – weekly show on WBCR-LP, Berkshire Community Radio, Great Barrington, MA 4/05 – 9/17

RESIDENTIAL SPECIALIST – Riverbrook, a residential facility for developmentally disabled women. Stockbridge, MA 4/05 – 3/13.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR/TEACHER - Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health. Lenox, MA Guest Programs. 6/87 – 1/08 Led adult personal growth programs, DansKinetics classes and children/youth programs.

TRAINER - Vermont Prevention Training Team, State of Vermont, Agency of Human Services. 9/89-5/92 Led trainings for community groups with diverse needs, such as human service providers, teens, college students and citizens organized to address violence in their communities.

Bassis - 2.

FACILITATOR - Washington County Youth Service Bureau, KidsPace Program. Montpelier, VT 2/90-6/92. Developed and implemented an Early Drug Abuse Prevention program for kindergarten - 4th graders, with an emphasis on development of self-esteem and life skills.

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT - Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Child/Family Development Program (Headstart). Newport, VT 9/88-6/89. Provided consultation to teachers at eight site locations and led staff in-service trainings on creativity, managing behavior, special needs, communication skills and working with parents.

COORDINATOR/TEACHER - Lamoille North Supervisory Union, Essential Early Education Program. Hyde Park, VT 9/86-8/88. Created and implemented a home-based early childhood special education program in a rural school system. Extensively networked with area community agencies to provide comprehensive programming to meet the needs of individual children and families.

DIRECTOR/TEACHER - The Giving Tree Child Care Center. Barre, VT 12/84-8/86. Coordinated all aspects of programming for six month to ten year olds at a parent cooperative day care center.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/TEACHER - Montpelier Children's House. Montpelier, VT 9/83-6/84. Helped the first year development of a Montessori preschool for three to six year olds.

SPECIAL EDUCATOR - Washington County Mental Health Agency. Barre, VT 6/84 - 12/84, 8/81 - 8/82. Worked with mentally retarded adults and autistic young adults in a community-based residential and day treatment program.

CHILD CARE WORKER - Josephine B. Baird Center for Children and Families. Burlington, VT 10/78-7/81. Worked with an interdisciplinary team in a residential treatment program for emotionally disturbed children, ages six to fourteen.

Bassis - 3.

COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT:

Woodbury College. Montpelier, VT 1991-1998

"Playful Strategies in Group Work"
"Playful Strategies in Prevention"
"Humor in Counseling"
"The Value of Play for the Helping Professional"

Burlington College. Burlington, VT 1988-1992.

Student Mentor/ Student Teacher Supervision
"Demystifying Special Education - Methods & Practices"
"The Value of Play for Helping Professionals"
"The Value of Play in Education"
"Creativity in Children"

Vermont College. Montpelier, VT 1988-1990.

"Early Childhood Special Education Practicum"
"Fostering Creativity in Young Children"

**Childcare Resource & Referral Center/Community College of Vermont.
Burlington, VT 1988.**

"Guiding Children Creatively"

Johnson State College. Johnson, VT 1988.

"Relaxation Strategies for the Classroom"

Community College of Vermont. Morrisville, VT 1987-1988.

"Fostering Creativity in Children"
"The Arts in Early Education"
"Methods and Materials in Early Education"

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION:

M.A., Special Education. Johnson State College. Johnson, VT, 1983

**B.A., Sociology/Social Welfare. Plattsburgh State College.
Plattsburgh, N.Y., 1977**

**Essential Early Education Certification (Early Childhood Special
Education). State of Vermont Education Department, 1986.**

**Certification in Dr. Stanley Greenspan's Infancy and Early Childhood
Training Course, The Basic Course on DIR/Floortime Model, 2009**