Dr. Angela Backus

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Education

Ph.D., Health Education and Promotion **2010**
Kent State University

M.Ed., School Health Education **2005**
Kent State University

B.S., Elementary Education **2003**
SUNY Fredonia

A.A.S., Mathematics/Science **2000**
Jamestown Community College

Higher Education Work Experience

Health Education Student Advisor **9/2012 - present**
Kent State University

Guest Lecturer **1/2011 - 3/2011**
Lerner College of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic
Guest lecturer for students enrolled in a Humanities course at the Cleveland Clinic's Lerner College of Medicine. This experience focused on the development of children's literature on the part of the enrolled students. Ultimately, the children's books were created as part of the "Reach Out and Read" program, and distributed to local medical facilities.

American School Health Association Internship **09/2005 - 12/2005**
Kent State University
Organized student monitor schedule for the annual conference, managed student monitor activities at the annual conference, and developed a reviewer database for School Health Index mini-grant project.

Other Professional Experience

Guest Presenter **3/2011 - 3/2011**

Jamestown, NY City School District

As a guest presenter, I informed administrator, educators, other school personnel, parents, and students about the effects of bullying behaviors among elementary students. In addition, I planned and executed a week-long bullying prevention program for elementary students enrolled at Lincoln Elementary School In Jamestown, New York. This project was completed in collaboration with Jamestown City Schools employees, Carla Stringer (School Nurse) and Michele Schnars (Health Educator).

Publications

Backus, A. (2006). The relationship between television viewing and childhood obesity. Eta Sigma Gamma, Student Monographs, Fall, 2006. 2006

Publication:

Presentations

Symons, C., Backus, A., & Schnars, M. "Analyzing Children's Literature as a Vehicle for Effective Health Education Instruction." Cortland, NY. 2012. 2012

Type: *State Invited*

Backus, A., Axiotis, R., & Symons, C. “Exploring Children’s Literature as a Vehicle for Improving Conflict Resolution Education.” Inter-American Summit Conference. Cleveland, OH, June 2011. 2011

Type: *International Refereed*

Backus, A., Symons, C., Schnars, M. "Exploring Children's Literature as a Vehicle for Improving Health Literacy." American School Health Association, Louisville, KY. 2011. 2011

Type: *National Refereed*

Bernert, D., & **Backus, A**. “Sexuality & (Dis)ability: Cultural Competence as a Bridge for Sexual Health Promotion.” American Association of Sexuality Educators Counselors and Therapists. Pittsburgh, PA, June 2010. 2010

Type: *National Refereed*

Backus, A., Symons, C., Axiotis, R., & Johns, J. “Developmentally Appropriate Practice: Evidence-Based Guidelines for Improving Health Education Practice.” American School Health Association. Kansas City, MO, October, 2010. 2010

Type: *National Refereed*

Backus, A.,Symons, C.,Axiotis, R., & Schnars, M. “The Teen Brain: Developmental Issues and Implications for Health Education and Policy Development.” American School Health Association, Denver, CO, October, 2009. 2009

Type: *National Refereed*

Backus, A.,Symons, C., & Axiotis, R. “Connectedness as a Foundation for Promoting Achievement and Reducing School Bullying: Building Capacity among Pre-service Teachers.” Mid-Western Educational Researcher Association, Columbus, OH, October, 2008. 2008

Type: *National Refereed*

Backus, A.,Symons, C.,Axiotis, R., & Schnars, M. “A Social Ecological Approach to Coordinated School Health Programming to Reduce Health Risks of Youth.” American School Health Association. Tampa, FL, November, 2008. 2008

Type: *National Refereed*

Backus, A., Axiotis, R., & Symons, C. “Capacity Building Among Pre-service Teachers to Address Conflict Resolution Skills.” Inter-American Summit Conference, Cleveland, OH March, 2007. 2007

Type: *International Refereed*

Backus, A., Axiotis, R., & Symons, C. “Capacity Building Among Pre-service Teachers Around Mental Health Issues,” American School Health Association. St. Louis, MO October, 2006. 2006

Type: *National Refereed*

Stringer, A. “Healthy Eating for Middle School Students.” Persell Middle School Health Fair, Jamestown, NY April, 2004. 2004

Type: *Local Invited*

Service

Representative, Teacher Education Coordinator Committee **2012 - present**

Type: *College*

Reviewer, Mid-Western Educational Research Association **2008 - 2010**

Type: *Profession*

American School Health Association 80th Annual Conference **2006 - 2006**

Cofacilitator of the First-Timers Meeting held at the annual ASHA conference

Type: *Profession*

Reviewer, American School Health Association **2006 - 2006**

ASHA School Health Index mini-grant project

Type: *Profession*