Get to know an early educator...  
(Each month you'll meet a few of our central staff members!)

Dr. Lisa Roy  
Executive  
Director of  
Early Education

My grandmother was a teacher so I had the best preschool education possible. She was pretty strict so I had to recite a rhyme before eating breakfast, practice writing before lunch, and read before dinner but I had lots of time to learn through play. It was my responsibility to teach my younger siblings and cousins what I was learning - the old fashioned, one-school house approach. Needless to say, I also learned through teaching them to read and write.

I was overly prepared for Kindergarten academically but could have used some social emotional support in working with other children who were not related to me or younger than me. I spent time in the corner for being disruptive to the learning of other students. I could not understand why they could not answer questions automatically. I was bored and restless at times.

José C. Paz  
Director of Head Start

I was the only Spanish-speaking preschooler in my class and had a very limited English vocabulary. I was playing and running outside with fellow preschoolers and I said the following code-mixed sentence: “Espera, espera, I need to tie my zapato!” I couldn’t understand why I received strange looks from them and no one waited for me since I spoke in perfect “English”. My teacher shared this English developmental experience with my parents who tease me about it to this day...
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Looking Ahead in 2018...

A summary of the Early Education Department Strategic Plan for January-May

**Collaboration and Communication**
- Build valuable connections across DPS and community
- Share more information about our work, supports, and expertise

**Value of ECE Experience**
- Education through parent, school engagement
- Analytics supporting impact of ECE experience

**Best Practices in Early Learning**
- Develop accompanying supports and learning opportunities based on need
- Define and align instructional best practices within district and community

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