

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **CURRENT POSITON:**

8/03-present: **Exceptional Educational Services Redondo Beach, California**  
Independent Acquired/Traumatic Brain Injury (ATBI) Educational Consultant/Trainer for children and adolescents with acquired neurological conditions, physical and health impairments and learning and behavioral/emotional differences. Clients include public and non-public schools, law firms, medical and rehabilitation professionals and parents. Publish and present trainings on A/TBI in the pediatric population. Provide national certification training to individuals earning their CBIS –Certified Brain Injury Training certificates.

### **BOARD POSITIONS and PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFLILATIONS:**

**Board Member:** Brain Injury Association of California (*Charter member*)  
**Advisory Board Member:** Sarah Jane Brain Foundation  
**Board Member:** California TBI Advisory Board-CA Dept. of Rehabilitation  
**Recent Past Board Member:** ACBIS: Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists/Brain Injury Association of America  
**Recent Past Board Member:** We Can Pediatric Brain Tumor Network (*Past Board Chair*)  
**Recent Past President:** CAPHI-California Association of Physical & Health Impairments  
**Past Member:** California Commission on Teacher Credentialing-Member of Special Education workgroup to revise Special Education credentials in California (TBI, OHI, OI authorization team)  
**Member:** NABIS-North American Brain Injury Society

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Grandinette, S.M. (2009). *School Reintegration Following Brain Injury in Children and Adolescents*. California Speech-Language Hearing Association (CSHA) Magazine (Vol. 39, No. 2). Sacramento, California. California Speech and Hearing Association.
- Grandinette, S.M., Best, S. (2009). *Traumatic Brain Injury* in Heller, K., Forney, P., Alberto, P, Best, S. and Schwartzman, M. *Understanding Physical, Health and Multiple Disabilities 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Merrill/Person Education, Inc.
- Grandinette, S.M. (2006). *Brain Injury, ADHD, LD-What's the Difference?* Wake Forest, North Carolina: Lash & Associates Publishing.
- Grandinette, S.M., Tyler, J. (2003). *Effective Teaching Strategies for Students with Acquired Brain Injury*. Brain Injury Source (Vol. 5, Issue #3). Houston, Texas: HDI Publishers.
- Grandinette, S.M., McMillan, G., Lash, M. (2002). *Pediatric Brain Tumors in Children-Changes at Home and School*. Wake Forest, North Carolina: Lash & Associates Publishing.
- Shimimski-Maher, T., Sansalone, M., Cullen, P. (2002). *Childhood Brain & Spinal Cord Tumors: A Guide for Families, Friends & Caregivers*. (Contributor/editor to Chapter 20: "Keeping the School Informed." Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly Publishing.

**CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATIONS**

**CBIST**-Nationally Certified Brain Injury Specialist/Trainer, Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists-Brain Injury Association of America

Preliminary Educational Administrative Services Credential

Clear Specialist Instruction Credential in Special Education  
Authorized Field: Learning Handicapped (K-12)

Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential  
Authorized Field: General Studies (Examination K-12)

Preliminary Credential in Physical & Health Impairments (Birth –22)

**EDUCATION**

2001-2004	<b>California State University Los Angeles</b> Physical & Health Impairments Credential Program	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
1997-2000	<b>California State University-Dominguez Hills</b> Educational Administrative Services Program	<b>Carson, CA</b>
1983-1985	<b>State University College at Buffalo</b> Master of Science in Special Education-Learning and Behavior Disorders	<b>Buffalo, NY</b>
1976-1980	<b>State University College at Buffalo</b> Bachelor of Science in Education Special Education Major, Elementary Education Minor Concentration: Learning and Behavior Disorders	<b>Buffalo, NY</b>

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1/98-present	<b>Adjunct Faculty-California State University Dominguez Hills</b> Graduate Education: Teacher Education Division, Special Education Dept.	<b>Carson, CA</b>
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**Classes Taught:**

SPE 524: Lecturer: *Advanced Leadership Management & Curriculum Modification for Diverse Learners with Disabilities/Special Education Law*

SPE 528: Lecturer: *Consultation, Collaboration and Teamwork for the Special Education Specialist*

SPE 566: Lecturer: Seminar/Supervise *Directed Teaching* candidates/Moderate-Severe California Special Education teaching Credential Program

SPE 551: Lecturer: *Biomedical Information & Technological Procedures for Exceptional Children*

SPE 561: Lecturer: *Typical and Atypical Developmental & Assessment Issues in Special & General Education*

1/04-5/05:	<b>Adjunct Faculty-California State University Los Angeles</b> <b>Charter College of Education-Division of Special Education</b>	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
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EDSP 464: Lecturer: *Assessment & Curricular Adaptations for Individuals w/Low Incidence Disabilities*

8/00-8/03	<b>Director-The Alex Center</b>	<b>Tustin, CA</b>
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Designed/opened/certified Non-Public School/Residential Program for children with Acquired/Traumatic Brain Injury. Responsible for development, training and administration of all aspects of the program.

4/99-8/00	<b>Coordinator of Special Education</b> <b>Manhattan Beach Unified School District</b>	<b>Manhattan Beach, CA</b>
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Coordinated and managed all district Special Education programs and staff-Pre-School to Transition; hired/evaluated staff, developed, trained, implemented policies and procedures relating to IDEA; assisted staff in compliance issues with regard to IDEA; trained staff at both district and SELPA levels; administrated IEP'S; participated in mediation and due process, developed/selected curriculum, trained in & managed inclusion program, supervised Program Specialists.

- 5/95-4/99      **Special Education Program Specialist**      **Manhattan Beach, CA**  
**Manhattan Beach Unified School District/Southwest SELPA**  
Assistant to the director of Pupil Personnel Services; prepared, presented, organized staff development programs district/SELPA-wide; assisted staff with assessment, IEP writing, curriculum development, behavior management, lesson plans; scheduled, screened, interviewed classified/certificated applicants; developed new teacher orientation/training; coordinated services for home-hospital bound students, Non-Public school students, students in alternative placements; responsible for cases of very difficult special needs students regarding placement; participated in expulsions hearings, mediation, fair hearing/due process procedures; administrated IEP'S; SW SELPA Brain Injury Specialist; member of the SW SELPA's Program Specialist's committee; Chair of the SW SELPA Transition committee; SELPA representative for the Los Angeles County Office of Education Inclusion Task Force; consulted with General Education teachers, Administrators, Psychologists, all DIS service providers, Superintendent.
- 6/97-8/98      **Educational Therapist/Consultant**      **Los Angeles, CA**  
**Childrens' Hospital Los Angeles-Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases**  
**Brain Tumor Remediation Project**  
Functioned as a link between the Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases Cognitive Remediation Project and the teachers of children with brain tumors for appropriate school reintegration following surgery and radiation/chemotherapy treatment. Trained Social Workers/Medical staff regarding outcomes of children as they return to school; trained Educators working with students re-integrating into school settings, taught children compensatory strategies and cognitive retraining skills.
- 9/94-5/95      **Resource Specialist Teacher**      **Manhattan Beach, CA**  
**Mira Costa High School-Manhattan Beach Unified School District**  
Resource teacher for grades 9-12 for students with mild to moderate Learning Disabilities, ADD, Acquired and Traumatic Brain Injury and other disabilities. Duties included assessment, IEP writing, planning and implementing lessons in 5 core academic subject areas; consultation and collaboration with general education teachers, parent and community support agencies; supervision of Paraprofessional.
- 8/93-7/94      **Learning Handicapped Teacher**      **San Diego, CA**  
**Lincoln Preparatory High School-San Diego Unified School District**  
Special Education teacher for RSP/SDC students in an inner city school setting with mild/ moderate disabilities. Duties included assessment, IEP writing and implementation; planning and implementing lessons in 4 academic subject areas, collaborative teaching with Social Studies /English Department, consultation with General Education teachers, parent contact, supervised Paraprofessional.
- 8/93-7/94      **Consultant-Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program**      **San Diego, CA**  
**San Diego Rehabilitation Institute**  
Educational consultant to Brain Injury Rehabilitation treatment team for children and young adults with Traumatic Brain Injury. Duties included assessment, educational therapy in the area of cognitive remediation, consultation and training with school staff for successful re-integration; coordination with brain injury team including Physiatrist, Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapists and Social Workers.
- 6/93-9/93      **Director of Pediatric and Adolescent Services**      **Escondido, CA**  
**Learning Services of Southern California**  
**Post-Acute Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program**  
Case management, assessment, cognitive remediation, education and school re-integration for students with Traumatic/Acquired Brain Injury. Designed and brought pediatric program through certification process with DPSS. (Company became board and care facility for adults 9/93)3/91-6/93
- 5/91-6/93      **Director of Pediatrics and Education**      **Apple Valley, CA**  
**New Medico Community Re-Entry Center at Apple Valley**  
**Post-Acute Neurological Rehabilitation Center**  
Designed, developed, marketed, administrated and taught at a Non-Public School (NPS) and Residential Program for students with Traumatic Brain Injury/physical disabilities. Developed manual for NPS certification, member of CARF team (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), and member of JACHO team (Joint Accreditation Commission on Hospital Organizations.) Trained and supervised teachers, assistants, therapists, behavior specialists and residential staff. Client base: Western United States.

9/86-5/91      **Special Day Class Teacher (Grades 9-12)**      **Redondo Beach, CA**  
**South Bay Union High School District**  
**Redondo Union High School; Pacific Shores Continuation HS**

Special Day Class teacher for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities, brain injury, physical disabilities and emotional disabilities. Duties included: assessment, IEP writing and implementation, curriculum and lesson plan, behavior management, develop and teach 5 core academic classes and 1 reverse mainstream class; consultation with staff, parents and community support agencies.

9/89-6/90      **Mentor Teacher for Alternative Education**      **Redondo Beach, CA**  
**South Bay Union High School District**

Designed, trained and supported Alternative Curriculum Education Program to 6 teachers to begin pilot program for alternative education in the school district.

9/85-6/88      **Instructor (part time)**      **Torrance, CA**  
**Sylvan Learning Center**

Tutor in after school program for students in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

9/85-7/86      **Special Day Class Teacher (Grades 7-12)**      **Lawndale, CA**  
**Los Angeles County Office of Education-Special Day School**

Special Day Class teacher at Smith School/Kit Carson PAU for students with severe emotional disturbance, autism, brain injury, and learning disabilities. Duties included assessment, IEP writing and implementation, management of extreme aggressive behavior, designing and teaching curriculum for all academic subjects, contact with parents and community support agencies, local school districts.

9/80-6/85      **Special Day Class Teacher (Grades 6-8)**      **Buffalo, NY**  
**Buffalo Public School System**      **Futures Academy (PS #37)**  
Self-contained Learning Adjustment Class (duties same as above)

### **PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

1990      Recipient of the Project Touch Volunteer Salute to Excellence in  
Education-Cliff Harter Award      **Hermosa Beach,**  
**CA**

1989      Selected as Mentor Teacher for the Alternative Education Program  
South Bay Union High School District      **Redondo Beach, CA**

1988      Selected as one of the 5 finalists in the Outstanding Young Educator  
of the Year Award for the South Bay Area      **Redondo Beach, CA**

1987      Awarded the Los Angeles County Office of Education Exemplary Award  
for Special Education      **Downey, CA**

### **SCHOLASTIC HONORS**

1980      Cum Laude Graduate- State University of New York College at Buffalo-  
**Buffalo, NY**

1977-1980      Dean's List; Honor's Convocation Participant State University of New York  
College at Buffalo      **Buffalo, NY**

### **EXPERIENCE/ACTIVITIES**

- Committee Member: 2012 North American Brain Injury Society (NABIS) Conference: Pediatric Track
- Chair of 2010 & 2011 Annual Brain Injury Association of California State Conference on ATBI: Resources and Pathways to Brain Injury Recovery
- May 2010: Co-developer: CA Department of Mental Health *Advancing California's Traumatic Brain Injury Service System: Next Steps* in collaboration with the California Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board

- Developed a brain injury services model district-wide/consulting contract with San Diego USD (2004-2010)
- Certified Brain Injury Specialist/Trainer for Brain Injury Association of America-American Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists; edited Chapter 6 in The Essential Brain Injury Guide: Children and Adolescents with Brain Injury
- Speaker/Expert witness: California Senate Informational Hearings on Brain Injury: January 13, 2010
- Expert witness in personal injury cases for children with brain injury and other physical disabilities
- Developed/implemented staff training programs for General and Special Education personnel
- Developed California Non-Public Schools for Students with Brain Injury-1991 & 2000
- Authored Manual for Non-Public School Certification: State of California
- Prepared application & renewal of application: Non-Public School/Agency Certification
- Administrator/Teacher - Non-Public School for Students with Brain Injury ages 5-21 (1991-1993; 2000-2003)
- Planned/developed/implemented curriculum for TBI/Special Ed./Alternative Ed. programs
- Supervised Special Education Teachers/Paraprofessionals/Clinical Therapists/Rehabilitation team for TBI students
- Chair-SW SELPA 1999 Special Education Study Conference-SW SELPA
- Co-Chair-1998 Special Education Study Conference-SW SELPA
- Member of and speaker at SW SELPA Study Conference 1995-98
- Developed and trained SW SELPA New Teacher Training-Special Education:1995-99
- Co-wrote and awarded state Middle School Workability Grant-1999
- Observed/consulted/trained Alternative Education teachers in Mentor teacher role
- Interviewed/hired/supervised Teachers, Related Services Staff & Paraprofessionals
- Participated in Special Education Mediation conferences, due-process and fair hearing procedures
- Conferred with School District Special Education attorney(s)
- Prepared application for California DPSS Group Home License/Certification
- Member of the CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) Team
- Member of the JACHO (Joint Accreditation Commission on Hospital Organizations)
- Member of the team to secure Regional Center Vendorization for rehabilitation facility
- Vast experience in planning/implementing/presenting in-services/workshops/conferences
- Case Management Skills
- Conferred with parents/therapists/medical personnel/Juvenile Justice System/Regional Center/Department of Mental Health/DCS/CCS/Department of Rehabilitation
- Development of and administrator for Individual Education Plans
- Academic and Achievement testing/Diagnostic-Prescriptive teaching
- Planned/organized & instructed students with Special needs in all academic subject areas
- Application of behavior/assault management techniques (MAB, PART)
- Service on Committees/Organizations including:
  - School Development Planning Team (SB 1882)
  - School District Staff Development Days
  - Rehabilitation facility state conferences
  - Coordinated Compliance Reviews
  - WASC
  - Core Curriculum Development
  - SELPA Conferences
  - SW SELPA Program Specialist Council & Director's Council
  - Los Angeles County Office of Education Special Education Inclusion Task Force
  - Southwest SELPA Chair-Transition Committee
  - Cal State University Dominguez Hills-Advisory Panel for Federal Grant Proposals

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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