



20 years

Living the principles



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*I have grown so much in my job as a Special Instructor in Early Intervention over the years. I love connecting with families on such a personal level and using my knowledge to help them help their young children--who are just in the beginning of life's journey--to achieve a life without limits.*

*On a personal note, I've appreciated the flexibility UCP has given me to work around the schedules of my own growing boys.*

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**MEREDITH GILL**

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*in her own words*

## “ words of wisdom:

*I have learned that Early Intervention is a delicate balance of knowledge and always continuing to learn and grow. Just because you have expertise in a certain area of development and you feel there is a right way of doing things, that does not mean that every family is going to think like you or do things the way you think they should be done. You need to meet a family where they are, remember you are in their home, and you need to work within their routines and honor their ways of doing things. In other words, **you may sometimes need to change what you think you know.***

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*“I especially love when families that I have worked with in the past reach out to share what the kids are doing now. Families send me videos, pictures, texts with messages like ‘Remember when we were working on this? Check him out now!’ The job itself is its own reward.”*



## about Meredith...

*“I have worked alongside Meredith for many years and have come to appreciate and value her absolute love of working with young children. During her time in UCP’s Early Intervention (EI) program, Meredith has worked in a variety of settings, including as a childcare teacher.*

*She is extremely passionate about the developmental learning experiences that surround a child every day and uses her knowledge to help guide EI staff on the use of developmentally appropriate practices. **She has an uncanny ability to help the children and families she works with learn and grow by meeting them where they are at.**”*

*~ Marci Walborn  
Director, Childhood Services*