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**Sunshine Consultants, LLC** is an educational consulting firm specializing in early childhood learning. We believe every child needs to be immersed in an inquiry centered learning environment that promotes the use of critical thinking, problem solving, and cooperative skills. Our expertise lies in classroom management action plans, setting up fully inclusive programs, and implementing Math and Science in the curriculum.

### **Current Projects**

#### **The Learning House Foundation for Early Childhood Development**

Founders, directors, and teachers of this early childhood nonprofit school that serves children of all abilities between birth and age 8, parents, early childhood educators, and child care professionals. January 2001-present Since opening in February 2002, the school has received over \$100,000 in grants, Kindergarten has been added. and fundraisers and community awareness events occur annually.

### **Writing Projects**

Early Childhood Curriculum Development; a hands-on Math and Science curriculum. Written by Ernie Batson, M.A. and Mary Batson, M.Ed.

Erasing The Battle Lines, a book about strategies and ideas for staying out of power struggles with young children and pertinent developmental information. Written by Ernie Batson, M.A.

### **Completed Projects**

#### **Curriculum Development and Writing Projects:**

Editors: Scholastic, Inc., Technical editing of interactive science CD/ROMs for young children. November 1999

Authors: Scott Resources, Summit Learning Company, Educators Outlet, Fort Collins, Colorado. Designed and wrote instructions for activities to use with 8 math manipulative products. January 1999

Authors: Fort Collins-Loveland Parent magazine. Authors of a monthly science feature with hands on science activities and adaptations for classroom use. September 1997 - 1998

Authors: Girl Scouts of America -- Mountain Prairie Council, Fort Collins, Colorado. Developed Scouting for Science take out box for troop leaders to use during their meetings. May 1997 - January 1998

Authors: Fort Collins Coloradoan, Fort Collins, Colorado. Authors of Ms. Wiz weekly science column, a one time project for Discovery Center Hands on Science Museum funded by CONNECT and Hewlett-Packard. June 1996-June 1997

Authors: Discovery Center Hands on Science Museum. Wrote Field Trip Packets to be used by teachers (K - 4) as a performance based assessment for specific Colorado State Science Standards. A Discovery Center project funded through Colorado Alliance for Science. Summers 1996 and 1997

## **Publications**

Just Spinning Around™--Activity book to use with spinners for teachers of children ages 5-8.

Do Drop Inn--Activity book to use with pipets for teachers of children ages 3 - 8.

Mighty Magnifiers--Activity book to use with magnifying glasses for teachers of children ages 3-8.

A Handful of Lightning--Compilation of Full Participation™ science experiments for teachers of children ages 5 - 12 and includes correlations to Colorado State and National Science Content Standards. This book has been featured in the July, 2000 issue of Focus magazine--published by by Eisenhower National Clearinghouse.

Our Place In Space--Hands-on science curriculum for for teachers of children ages 5-12. Explores various aspects of space travel including solar energy, compressed air, weightlessness, and insulation. Correlated to Colorado State and National Science Content Standards.

Sun Spot/Early Childhood Express--Triannual newsletter. Highlights our current events, hands-on science activities, and articles for parents and teachers.

Mary's Alphabet Garden --children's book. Learn about the alphabet and take a tour through Mary's garden.

## **Private Classes**

After School Science Programs: These programs met for 4 weeks and focused on a variety of topics, such as: magnetism and electricity, chemistry, and general science. Programs were presented at:

Shepardson Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado  
Kruse Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado  
Lopez Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado  
Bauder Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado  
Tavelli Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado  
Laurel Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado  
Dunn Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado

## **Consultations, Speaking Engagements, and Presentations:**

**Presenter:** Playing to Learn™ and Little Lab: Hands-on Science and Math for the Early Learner, Head Start, Grand Junction, Colorado, February 2010

**Presenter:** Little Lab: Hands on Science and Math for the Early Learner and Erasing The Battle Lines, Grand Junction, Colorado, September 2009

**Keynote Speaker/Presenter:** The 3 W's of Sensory Integration and Little Lab: Hands-on Science and Math for the Early Learner, Denver, Colorado, April 2009

**Presenter:** Electricity--Fort Collins, Colorado, Girl Scout Brownies, January, February 2009

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines--Fort Collins, Colorado, MOPS, January, 2009

**Guest Speaker:** Hands-on Science--Denver, Colorado, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children

**Guest Speaker:** The 3 W's of Sensory Integration--Fort Morgan, Colorado, March 2008

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines--Fort Collins, Colorado, February 2008

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines and Hands-on Science--Buena Vista, Colorado, February, 2008

**Educational Consultant for KRFC Radio:** Producer led Question/Answer format on educational issues for radio spots during 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM news program. 2006 - 2007

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines--Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children. April, 2007

**Guest Speaker:** Little Lab: Hands-on Science and Math for the Young Learner--Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children. April, 2007

**Guest Speaker:** The Three W's of Sensory Integration--Weld County Family Childcare Association. March, 2007.

**Guest Speaker:** Little Lab: Hands-on Science with the Young Learner--Love To Learn Conference. February, 2007

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines--Love To Learn Conference. February, 2007

**Guest Speaker:** The Three W's of Sensory Integration--Fort Collins Family Childcare Conference. November, 2006

**Keynote:** Erasing The Battle Lines--Broomfield Child Care Association Conference. October, 2006

**Guest Speaker:** The Three W's of Sensory Integration--Larimer County Association for The Education of Young Children. August, 2006

**Guest Speaker:** The Three W's of Sensory Integration--Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children. April, 2006

**Guest Speaker:** Little Lab: Hands-on Science with the Young Learner--Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children. April, 2006

**Guest Speaker:** Little Lab: Hands-on Science with the Young Learner--Denver Area Family Childcare. April, 2006

**Guest Speaker:** The Three W's of Sensory Integration--Jefferson County Child Care Conference. March, 2006

**Keynote:** The Three W's of Sensory Integration--Loveland Sweetheart Conference. February, 2006

**Guest Speaker:** The Three W's of Sensory Integration--Pikes Peak Regional Family Childcare Conference. October, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines--Pueblo Family Child Care Conference. September, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Little Lab--Hands-on Science for the early learner, National Association for Family Child Care. July, 2005

**Science Facilitators:** Little Lab--Earth Science, Kindercare Child Care Center, June, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Larimer Association for the Education of Young Children, May, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines, North Denver Child Care Association, April, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Little Lab--Hands-on Science for the Early Learner, North Denver Child Care Association, April, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Little Lab--Science With a Penny, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, April, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, April, 2005

**Science Facilitators:** Science Wonders, Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council, April, 2005

**Science Facilitator:** Little Lab-Science With a Penny, The Learning House, April, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** The 3 W's of Sensory Integration, Jefferson County Child Care Association, March, 2005

**Instructor:** The 3 W's of Sensory Integration, The Learning House, March, 2005

**Science Facilitator:** Just Spinning Around™, The Learning House, March, 2005

**Science Facilitator:** After School Science, Shepardson Elementary School, February-March, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Little Lab--Hands-on Science for the Early Learner, Larimer Association For the Education of Young Children, February, 2005

**Science Facilitator:** Bridges, The Learning House, February, 2005

**Science Facilitator:** Magnets, Irish Elementary, February, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines, MOPS, February, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines, The Learning House, February, 2005

**Science Facilitator:** Egg Drop, The Learning House, January, 2005

**Guest Speaker:** Birth to 3--What's It Going To Be?, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children. October, 2004

**Guest Speaker:** Birth to 3--What's It Going To Be?, Fort Collins Family Child Care Association, Fort Collins. October, 2004

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines, The Learning House, Fort Collins. September, 2004

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines, North Denver Child Care Association, Denver. August, 2004

**Instructor:** Hands-on Science for Primary Teachers, Western State University, Alamosa. June, 2004

**Guest Speaker:** Erasing the Battle Lines, Jefferson County Child Care Association, Denver. May, 2004

**Facilitators:** Project Wild Training, Division of Wildlife. Fort Collins. May 2004

**Facilitators:** Daisy/Brownie Bridging Activity, Hands-on Science, Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council, Fort Collins. April, 2004

**Facilitators:** Hands-on Science for First Graders, Irish Elementary School, Fort Collins. April, 2004

**Presenter:** Whether There's Weather or Not!, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, Denver. April, 2004

**Guest Speaker:** Licensed Family Child Care Association; Erasing The Battle Lines. April, 2004

**Presenter:** Erasing The Battle Lines, The Learning House. December, 2003

**Facilitators:** Science in Action, Hands-on Science program for Brownies , Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council, Loveland. December, 2003

**Presenter:** Hands-On Science for young children, Talking About Kids!™ speaking series, Fort Collins. November, 2003

**Presenter:** Kids Can!--Pay Attention (ADD/ADHD), The Learning House, Fort Collins. October, 2003

**Keynote Speaker:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Seven Oaks Academy company wide training, Belle Creek Community Center. October, 2003

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Little Lab: Hands-on Science with Preschoolers, and Play Is The Way, Fort Morgan and surrounding areas Head Start training, Fort Morgan. August, 2003

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Seven Oaks West Academy, Fort Collins. August, 2003

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Mothers and More, Fort Collins. August, 2003

**Presenters:** Hands-on Science With The Early Learner, Poudre School and Thompson School District, Fort Collins. July, 2003

**Presenters:** Hands-On Science and Erasing The Battle Lines, Summer Staff Training, Girl Scout Mountain Prairie Council, Estes Park. June, 2003

**Facilitators:** Early Childhood Education Specialist, responsibilities included: home visits, play therapy, parent education, and report writing. January - May 2003.

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Loveland Family Child Care Association, Loveland. May, 2003

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines and Choosing The Right Preschool, Colorado Parents of Multiples State Conference, Fort Collins. April, 2003

**Presenters:** Hands-On Science for Preschoolers, Colorado Association for The Education of Young Children, Denver. April, 2003

**Presenters:** Magnificent Magnets, Hands-On Science program for Kindergarten students at Irish Elementary, Fort Collins. April, 2003

**Presenters:** Just Spinning Around™, Hands-on Science for Fifth Graders at Laurel Elementary, Fort Collins. March, 2003

**Presenters:** Open Discussion About Children, The Learning House, Fort Collins. March, 2003

**Presenters:** Rainbows and Lightning, Hands-On Science program for Brownies, Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council, Fort Collins. February, 2003

**Presenters:** Hands-On Science for young children, Pikes Peak Regional Family Child Care Association, Colorado Springs. February, 2003

**Presenters:** Teaching Children Responsibility, The Learning House, Fort Collins. February, 2003

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Mothers' Center, Fort Collins. February, 2003

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Kinder Care Staff Training, Fort Collins. January, 2003

**Presenters:** Hands-On Science, Seven Oaks Academy East Staff Training, Fort Collins. January 2003

**Presenters:** Phun With Physics, Hands-On Science Program for Junior Girl Scouts, Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council, Fort Collins. January, 2003

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Tools of The Trade (Hands-on Science for Preschoolers), Pikes Peak Family Child Care Association. November, 2002

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines and Little Lab: Tools of the Trade (Hands-on Science for Preschoolers), Head Start Region VIII Conference. October 2002

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Tools of the Trade (Hands-on Science for Preschoolers), Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children. September, 2002

**Facilitators:** Little Lab: Hands-on Science for Preschoolers and Erasing The Battle Lines, staff training for preschool and prekindergarten teachers, Most Precious Blood. August, 2002

**Guest Speaker:** Raising Respectful Children, Mothers and More. July, 2002



**Facilitator:** Little Lab: Hands-On Science for Preschoolers, parent education class. May, 2002

**Facilitator:** Monthly meetings for family child care providers, topics included ADD, Time Out! and Building Self Esteem: Brick by Brick, Fort Morgan Family Center. May - August, 2002

**Facilitators:** Early Childhood Project Wild workshop for early childhood professionals, Fort Collins, Colorado. April, 2002

**Presenters:** Earth Day Our Way and Erasing The Battle Lines, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children. April 2002

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Tools of the Trade and Erasing The Battle Lines, Morgan County Parent Fair. April, 2002

**Facilitators:** Hands-on science for children between the ages of 5 and 12 and Erasing The Battle Lines, Seven Oaks Academy. March, 2002

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Tools of the Trade (Hands-on Science for Preschoolers) and Erasing The Battle Lines, Southern Early Childhood Association. March, 2002

**Facilitators:** Hands-on Science for children between the ages of 3 and 12 and Erasing The Battle Lines, Seven Oaks Academy. March, 2002

**Presenters:** Erasing The Battle Lines, Weld County Association for the Education of Young Children, February, 2002

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Hands-on Science for Preschoolers and Playing To Learn, Region VIII Head Start Conference. October, 2001

**Presenter:** Erasing the Battle Lines, RAFT. September, 2001

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Hands -On Science for Preschoolers, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, Facilitated hands-on science training for preschool teachers. September 2001

**Instructors:** City of Fort Collins Recreation Division. Provided monthly toddler play groups, hands on science and math programs for preschool and school age children, and adult education classes. June 1996-August 2001

**Presenters:** 3...2...1...Blast Off! Fort Collins Public Library. Presented a hands-on science demonstrations at two branches of the library for about 700 children and families, Fort Collins, Colorado. July, 2001

**Presenters:** Stop or I'll Screen! Berthoud Public Library, a hands-on science demonstration for more than 100 children and their families, Berthoud, Colorado. July, 2001

**Presenters:** Building Children's Responsibility, Mothers and More Monthly Meeting, Fort Collins, Colorado. June, 2001

**Facilitators:** Magnetic Me! A hands-on science program exploring magnets with Kindergarten students at Irish Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado. May, 2001

**Presenters:** Head Start, Combined area training day. Little Lab: Hands on Science with Preschoolers, Playing to Learn, and Erasing the Battle Lines, Del Norte, Colorado. May 2001

**Presenters:** Erasing the Battle Lines, Colorado Parents of Multiples Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado. April, 2001

**Facilitators:** Senses, Fort Collins Preschool, Fort Collins, Colorado. April, 2001.

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Hands on Science with Preschoolers, Weld County Association for the Education of Young Children, Greeley, Colorado. March, 2001

**Presenters:** Scouting for Science: Hands on Science Training for Troop Leaders. Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council, Sterling, Colorado. February, 2001

**Facilitators:** Color My World: Family Science Programs, Family Literacy Program Poudre School District Head Start. February, 2001

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Hands on Science with Preschoolers and Playing to Learn, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, Denver, Colorado. April, 2001

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Hands on Science with Preschoolers Loveland Family Day Care Association Annual Conference; Loveland, Colorado. Presented hands on science experiments with day care professionals. February 2001

**Facilitators:** Whether There's Weather! A hands-on science program exploring weather with First Grade students at Irish Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado. February, 2001

**Presenters:** Little Lab: Hands on Science with Preschoolers, Larimer County Association for the Education of Young Children, Fort Collins, Colorado. January and February, 2001

**Developers:** 8 play kits for home child care programs to use with children of all abilities, Women's Center, Fort Collins and Loveland, Colorado, October, 2000

**Presenters:** Hands-on Science Activity, Rhythm on the River, Longmont, Colorado. July, 2000

**Presenters:** Erasing the Battle Lines, LaPetite Academy, Highlands Ranch, Colorado. June, 2000

**Presenters:** A Flair for Air! Berthoud Public Library, a hands-on science demonstration for 75 children and their families, Berthoud, Colorado. June, 2000

**Presenters:** Hands-on Science activity, Fort Collins Cancer Society Walkathon, Fort Collins, Colorado. June, 2000

**Presenters:** Working With Children Successfully, Fort Collins Recreation Division, Fort Collins, Colorado. June, 2000

**Presenters:** Hands-on science activity, Kids Day America, Loveland, Colorado. May, 2000

**Presenters:** Erasing the Battle Lines, Fort Collins Triplets Club. May, 2000

**Facilitators:** Don't Pressure Me! Hands-on science program for a Brownie Girl Scout Troop. May, 2000



**Facilitators:** On A Roll! A hands-on science program exploring ramps and impact, St. Luke's Preschool, Fort Collins, Colorado. May, 2000

**Facilitators:** Magnetic Me! A hands-on science program exploring magnets with Kindergarten students at Irish Elementary, Fort Collins, Colorado. May, 2000

**Facilitators:** Whole-school program. Presented hands on science programs for each class (Pre-K - 6) at Spring Creek Country Day School, Fort Collins, Colorado. May, 2000

**Presenter:** Erasing the Battle Lines, Poudre Valley Health System, parent education workshop. April, 2000.

**Developers and Facilitators:** After school program for Poudre Valley Health System, developed and taught Healthy Kid's Club after school programs in local Fort Collins schools. October, 1999- April, 2000

**Designers and Facilitators:** Staff Training Program, Poudre Valley Health System, designed and facilitated a staff training program that included onsite visits by AmeriCorps/Vista volunteers and training workshops. August, 1999 - April, 2000

**Presenters:** Just Spinning Around™, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, a hands-on science activity exploring spinners, Denver, Colorado. April, 2000

**Presenters:** Erasing the Battle Lines, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, Denver, Colorado. April, 2000.

**Keynote Speaker:** Erasing the Battle Lines, Loveland Licensed Family Child Care Association, Loveland, Colorado. February, 2000

**Facilitators:** On a Roll, Fort Collins Preschool, Fort Collins, Colorado. Conducted two sessions of hands on science exploring physics with children ages 3-5. February 2000

**Presenters:** Excellent Electricity! Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council, Fort Collins, Colorado. Presented hand on science experiments exploring circuits, switches, and electromagnets to troop leaders. February, 2000

**Presenters:** Erasing the Battle Lines, Triplets Club, Fort Collins, Colorado. January 2000

**Consultants:** Hands-On Science Grant: Women's Center; Fort Collins, Colorado. Final teaching/consultative site visit to each of the 21 after school care programs involved in the Hands-On Science Grant funded by Eastman Kodak and Hewlett Packard through the American Business Collaborative.

**Facilitators:** Integrated play group for children ages 2-3 and their parents, Loveland, Colorado. Early intervention therapies and parent education were the focus of this play group. Funded by Larimer County RAFT (Resource Access for Families with Toddlers) January- June and October-December 1999

**Presenters:** Mix Me Up! Mother's Center, Fort Collins, Colorado. Taught class exploring mixtures and solutions to children ages 3 and 4. November, 1999

**Developers:** Playing to Learn™ resource kit. Larimer County RAFT (Resource Access for Families with Toddlers), Fort Collins, Colorado. This kit is designed to support parents hosting play groups in their home for children of all abilities. October, 1999

**Presenters:** Hug A Bug. Loveland Preschool, Loveland, Colorado. This class explored bugs and was presented to 100 children between the ages of 2 and 4. October, 1999

**Presenters:** Helping Children Help Themselves and Building Self Esteem--Brick By Brick. Wildwood Child and Adult Food Program; Loveland Colorado. Presented strategies for helping children solve problems and build a healthy self esteem. October, 1999

**Presenters:** Wonderful Water! Region VIII Head Start Conference; Salt Lake City, Utah. Presented hands-on science activities and discussions on the learning process with preschool teachers. October, 1999

**Presenters:** Wonderful Water! Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) Fall Conference; Denver, Colorado. Presented hands-on science activities and discussions on the learning process with preschool teachers. September 1999

**Presenters:** Wonderful Water! Fort Collins Licensed Family Day Care Association, Fort Collins, Colorado. Presented hands-on science activities and discussions on the learning process with child care providers. September 1999

**Facilitators:** Integrated play group for children ages 2-3 and their parents, Loveland, Colorado. Early intervention therapies and parent education were the focus of this play group. January- June 1999

**Instructors:** Full Participation™ Science - Magnetic Me: City of Fort Collins Adaptive Recreation Opportunities (ARO), Fort Collins, Colorado. Presented a 90 minute science class for students with special needs. May 1999

**Consultants:** Division of Wildlife, Fort Collins, Colorado. Assisted in the development and implementation of environmental education curriculum for early childhood classrooms, presented training workshops for preschool teachers, and piloted activities. September 1997 - May 1999

**Presenters:** Color My World Children's Expo, Week of the Young Child; Fort Collins, Colorado. Presented hands-on science activities for families of young children. April 1999

**Presenters:** Mix Me Up! Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) Spring Conference; Denver, Colorado. Presented hands-on science activities and discussions on the learning process with preschool teachers. April 1999

**Presenters:** Charge It! Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) Spring Conference; Denver, Colorado. Presented hands-on science activities and discussions on the learning process with primary teachers. April 1999

**Presenters:** Magnetic Me Irish Elementary School, Fort Collins, Colorado. Presented two 60 minute sessions of hands-on science with kindergarten students and their families. April 1999

**Consultants** Hands-On Science Grant: Women's Center; Fort Collins, Colorado. Provided consultative services for a Work/Family Directions grant implementing science in after school care programs in three cities along Colorado's Front Range. Responsibilities included: problem solving for 21 individual sites, staff development workshops, and coaching adults to use inquiry-centered approaches in science investigations with children. January 1998 - March 1999

**Presenters:** Science Fair Kick Off: O'Dea Elementary School; Fort Collins Colorado. Presented three assemblies for students demonstrating science experiments and the scientific process as motivation to participate in the all subjects fair. February 1999

**Presenters:** Helping Children Help Themselves. Loveland Family Day Care Association (LFDC) Annual Conference; Loveland, Colorado. Presented techniques that teach children responsibility and problem solving skills. February 1999

**Presenters:** Wonderful Water! Loveland Family Day Care Association (LFDC) Annual Conference; Loveland, Colorado. Presented hands on science experiments with day care professionals. February 1999

**Presenters:** Building Children's Self Esteem. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church MOMS Group monthly meeting; Fort Collins, Colorado. Presented techniques to help parents understand how children build a healthy self esteem. February 1999

**Instructors:** Full Participation™ Science - Wonderful Water: Fort Collins Preschool, Fort Collins, Colorado. Presented 2 - 90 minute science classes for 3-4 year old students. January 1999

**Presenters:** Wonderful Water! Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) Annual Conference; Denver, Colorado. Presented hands on science experiments with preschool teachers. September 1998

**Presenters:** Mystery Powders Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) Annual Conference; Denver, Colorado. Presented a two hour hands on science workshop with primary teachers. September 1998

**Consultants:** Saint Mary's Hall, San Antonio, Texas. Assisted the school in designing a science lab for the Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students. Responsibilities included: a site visit to the school; administrative and instructional staff interviews; and report of recommendations for physical room, science materials, and staffing requirements. April 1998

**Presenters:** Meeting with Success!, Girl Scouts of America, Mountain Prairie Council. Presented techniques leaders can use during meetings to reduce power struggles, solve problems, and help the girls take responsibility for their behavior. April 1998

**Presenters:** Science Fair Kick Off: Werner Elementary School, Fort Collins Colorado. Presented three assemblies for students demonstrating science experiments and the scientific process as motivation to participate in the science fair. January 1998

**Presenters:** Introduction of Standards for Elementary Teachers, Poudre School District, Fort Collins, Colorado. An OPPS project funded by CONNECT. May 1997

**Facilitators:** Elementary FOSS (Full Option Science System) training, District 11, Colorado Springs, Colorado. A hands-on training for 5th grade teachers. Funded by Hewlett-Packard and Delta Education. May 1997

**Instructors:** Full Participation™ Science - Air Pressure: Van Buren Elementary School, Loveland Colorado. Presented a 2-hour science experience as a prize for a third grade class that won a fund raising drive at their school.

**Facilitators:** Hands-On Science Standards Workshop. A group of 15 teachers from the northeastern region of Colorado were trained in the use of the performance based assessments written for Discovery Center. A Discovery Center project funded by Public Service of Colorado. April 1997 and October 1997

**Presenters:** A Wild Primary! In this workshop, teachers learned how to adapt Project Wild activities to the primary classroom. Division of Wildlife annual conference, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Sponsored by the Division of Wildlife. February 1997

**Keynote Speaker/Session Facilitators:** The Parenting Safari, Loveland Parenting Expo, Loveland Colorado. Sponsored by Thompson R2-J school district and the City of Loveland Parks and Recreation Department. January 1997

**Facilitators:** Primary FOSS (Full Option Science System) training, Poudre School District, Fort Collins, Colorado. An OPPS (Operation Primary Physical Science) project funded by CONNECT. January 1997

We welcome the opportunity to meet with organizations for the purpose of designing workshops and/or assisting in projects that require our special skills, energy, and expertise. We take pride in listening to our clients and creating a plan that meets your specific needs.

### **About the Owners**

**Sunshine Consultants, LLC** was founded in 1995 by Ernie and Mary Batson, a husband and wife team. They focus in the area of early childhood and are experts in the areas of classroom management action plans, fully inclusive classrooms, and using Math and Science in the early childhood curriculum.

**Ernie Batson, M.A.** has over 25 years of classroom teaching experience and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood/Special Education. His career in the public schools included: Coordinator for Curriculum and Staff Development, Facilitator for district wide implementation of inquiry-centered science, and teacher of a one room (K - 6) rural school house.

**Mary Batson, M.Ed.** is a Reading Specialist with a Master's Degree in Education. Her career experiences include: Assistant Director for The George Washington University Reading Center and Lead Teacher for Cognitive Development Program classes at The George Washington University. She has extensive training for and experience with children who have special needs in both public and private settings.

**Together, Ernie and Mary** are the founders, visionary leaders, and directors of The Learning House Foundation for Early Childhood Development. The Learning House is a nonprofit organization that works with children of all abilities between birth and age 8, their parents and the professionals responsible for their care and education. Additionally, they are the authors and teachers of the hands-on Math and Science curriculum used in the school. All services are