

Natalie Dawn Knesek, MS, CFCS

Education:

Doctoral Candidate. Texas Tech University Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Research focused on dual role bullying and sibling aggression. Data collection in progress, hopeful for December 2018 completion.

MS Family and Child Studies, Southwest Texas State University, 2003. 4.0 GPA

BS Home Economics with Secondary Teaching Certification, Tarleton State University, 1994. Graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Certification:

Certified Home Buyer Educator, October 1999,
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences, February 1995,
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Texas Life-Time Teaching Certificate – Secondary Home Economics, Texas Education Agency, May 1994

Professional Experience:

Adjunct Instructor – Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Sam Houston State University – Family Relationships on-line course June 2014 to August 2016; January 2018 to present

Sole Proprietor, Elva Jane's Stitchery, home based embroidery business, October 2017 to present

Substitute Teacher, Shiner ISD – March 2017 to present

Sole Proprietor, Licorice and Lemon Drops Old Fashioned Candy Shop, December 2003 to November 2016 retail store front with e-commerce

Adjunct Instructor – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, Tarleton State University –selected as pilot instructor for

Bb Learn9

- Fall 2014- to Spring 2016 – on-line course: Pre-Professional Development
- Fall 2013 – on-line courses: Pre-Professional Development, Child Development, Infant and Toddler Development
- Spring 2013 – on-line courses: Research Methods, Child Development, and Consumer Issues and Decision Making
- Fall 2012 – on-line courses: Research Methods, Child Development, and Pre-Professional development
- Spring 2012: Pre-Professional Development 460 on-line, Human Intimacy 316 on-line, Lifespan of the Family 309 on-line, Consumer Issues and Decision Making 205 on-line
- Fall 2011, Child Development 300 on-line, Pre-Professional Development 460 on-line
- Spring 2011, Consumer Economics and Decision Making 205 online
- Summer I 2010, Child Development 300 on-line

Executive Director – American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences-Texas Affiliate, June 2011 to September 2013

Adjunct Instructor- Continuing Education – Victoria College,

- August 2002 to December 2002-Work Force Preparation in both face to face and ITV settings
- August 2008 to July 2012 periodic Special Interest CE courses offered including Issues Early Childhood/Child Care Provider Training and Kid's Cooking classes

Executive Director, Hope of South Texas Sexual Assault Crises Center, March 2003 to December 2003

Partner, Families Matter Too, LLP Quality Work-Life Consultants, March 2001 to December 2003

Graduate Assistant, Southwest Texas State University, Family and Child Studies, Fall 2001; Fashion Merchandising, Fall 2002

Executive Director, Gonzales Regional Children's Advocacy Center, August 2000 to March 2001

County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, Gonzales County, August 1997 to July 2000

Home Economics and Theater Arts Teacher, Gonzales High School, August 1996 to July 1997: child development, parenting, individual and family life, theatre I and II, housing design,

vocational home economics

Home Economics Teacher, Kirby Jr. High, Judson ISD, San Antonio, August 1995 to July 1996: 8th grade comprehensive

1st Grade Teacher Summer Program, Live Oak Elementary School, Judson ISD, June and July 1996

County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, Fort Bend County, May 1994 to August 1995

**Program and
Organizational Support:**
Resources Developed

Infant and Toddler Shelter Employee Handbook and Management Guide, Baptist Youth Home Children's Shelter, March 2003

Texas 4-H Record Book Record Forms, as part of the Texas 4-H Record Review Team, August 1999

Youth Development Tool, "Recordbook Quiz Bowl", January 1998

Youth Development Tool, "4-H Monopoly" (with Faith Ballard), November 1994

Grants

Façade Grant – Toward the repair and replacement of the roof for the Crystal Theatre. One of two recipients granted annually by the Gonzales Main Street. - \$750. Fall 2007

Managed a six figure budget with inflow consisting of private and public grants and private donations while overseeing a staff of eight at Hope of South Texas Sexual Assault Crisis Center.

\$160,000 in requests pending upon my departure from Gonzales Regional Children's Advocacy Center. These requests included Criminal Justice Division, Children's Justice Act, and Verizon.

Spurs Foundation Grant to create a Play Therapy Room in the Gonzales Regional Children's Advocacy Center, \$3000. Spring 2001

Better Living for Texans Nutrition Program Grant funded by the Texas Department of Human Services and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as part of the federal Food Stamp nutrition program, \$12,000. Spring 2000

Tobacco Prevention and Control Grant, funded by the Texas Department of Health, May 2000, \$4915

Strengthening Our Capacity to Care Youth Development Grant funded by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, August 1997 to 2000, \$2100

Bringing Families Together, Children, Youth and Families Initiative Grant, funded by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, September 1997 to August 1999, \$5000

Program Presentations

“Graduate Opportunities” –Panelist presented to attendees at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, June 2013, Houston, TX

Entrepreneur Showcase Presenter – Showcased merchandise and provided marketing tips for small businesses to attendees at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, June 2013, Houston, TX

“Benefits of Student Involvement” – Presented to the student unit at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, June 2012, Indianapolis, IN

“Electronic Communications” – Presented in the Affiliate Showcase at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, June 2012, Indianapolis, IN

“Basics in Economics –Owning a Business in a Small Town” – presented to third grade students and teachers of Gonzales, Elementary, March 2008

Presenter, Table Topics, Entrepreneur Showcase, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting, Reno, NV, June 2007

Panelist, “Entrepreneur Showcase” Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting, March 2005

“Starting and Sustaining Your Own Business” first presented to Gonzales Rotary Club in September 2004. Continue to provide program to community groups on a regular basis.

“Growing Responsible Kids” one hour discipline presentation with Cindy Baker (Families Matter Too, LLP) at Family Awareness Conference in Seguin, February 2003

“Celebrating the Whole Child” with Cindy Baker (Families Matter Too, LLP) keynote address at Family Awareness Conference in Seguin, February 2003

“Celebrating Curriculum Through Hands On Story Telling” concurrent session at Family Awareness Conference in Seguin, February 2003

“Reaching Each Child” with Cindy Baker (Families Matter Too, LLP) opening session presentation at Family Awareness Conference in Seguin, February 2003

“Age and Stage Appropriateness” with Cindy Baker (Families Matter Too, LLP) 2 hour child care provider training first presented at First Step Learning Center in Gonzales March 2002, Families Matter Too, LLP

“Parenting Styles and Personality Types”, with Cindy Baker (Families Matter Too, LLP) first presented at Professional Child Advocate Conference, Gonzales, April 2001

“Communities Intervening in Child Abuse”, numerous presentations made while serving as the Executive Director for the Gonzales Regional Children’s Advocacy Center

“Careers in Family and Consumer Sciences” presented annually to Gonzales 8th graders, 1998 to 2000

“Getting Your Foot in the Door” Workforce Preparation Program for DHS, March 1999

“Nutrition Quiz Bowl”, Texas 4-H Teen Retreat, January 1999 (with Charla Bading and Montza Williams)

“Making Time Management Work”, originally developed for Smiley Survival Skills, March 1999

“Surviving Parenthood”, originally developed for Gonzales Episcopal Church, October 1997

“I Think I Can” Goal Setting, 4-H Junior Leader Rally (ages 11 to 13) Texas 4-H Center, November 1994

“Positive Communication”, originally developed for use with Kempner High School Home Economics Students, Sugar Land, August 1994

Series Taught

“Realizing the American Dream”, 8 hour home buyer education course, 2000

“Active For Life”, 1999 - 2000, senior citizen exercise program

“All My Money”, Fall 1999, 8 hour financial management course

“Building Self Sufficient Families,” 1997 -2000

“Common Sense Parenting”, 1998 - 2000, 6 week parenting series

“Lunch and Learn Nutrition Series”, Summer 1998, 4 week series

STEP/Teen, Fall 1997, 10 week parenting series, probation parents

Professional Development

Conferences Attended

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - 1992, 1993, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2008, 2011-2014, 2017
- Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - 1991 to 2014, 2016-2018
- Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas SEED Training - 2000
- Crimes Against Children Conference - 2000
- Prevent Child Abuse Texas - 2001
- Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas Management Training - 2000
- Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - 1998, 1999
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs - First Time Home Buyer Train the Trainer Seminar - September 1999
- Master Parent Volunteer Training - Spring 1998
- Texas Extension Association of 4-H Agents – 1994,1998
- Texas Home Economics Teachers Summer Conference - Summer 1996

Memberships

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, 1990 to present
- National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, 1994 to 1995 and 1997 to 2000
- National Extension Association of 4-H Agents, 1994 to 1995 and 1997 to 2000
- Epsilon Sigma Phi, 1999 to 2000
- Vocational Teachers Association of Texas, 1995 to 1997
- American Vocational Association, 1995 to 1997

Leadership Roles

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

- Moderator, National Standards Session – Dallas, 2017
- Registration and Dallas Booth – Dallas, 2017
- Ticket Taker – Awards Dinner – Dallas, 2017
- Community Forum – Table Spokesperson – St. Louis, MO, 2014
- Affiliate Showcase Presenter – Indianapolis, IN, June 2012 & Houston, TX

2013

Guest Speaker – Student Unit - Indianapolis, IN, June 2012

Alternate Senator – Milwaukee, June 2008

- Entrepreneur Showcase Presenter – Reno, NV, June 2007
- Senator to Annual Meeting – Washington DC, June 2003
- Group Leader for Public Policy Workshop on Child Care, 2001 Annual Meeting – Providence, Rhode Island
- Reviewer and Set Up, Poster Session Submissions, 2001 Annual Meeting – Providence, Rhode Island
- Senator to Assembly, 1993 Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida
- Student Section Nominating Committee, 1992 to 1993

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences – Texas Affiliate

- Co Advisor for the undergraduate/graduate student unit 2009 to 2011& 2013
- Southeast District Chair 2008-2009
- Alternate Senator for state delegation to AAFCS Annual Meeting in 2008
- Coordinated Southeast District Meeting with Chair Louise Hansen, 2005
- Vice President of Professional Development – 2003-2004
- Board of Directors 1993- 1994 ,1999 - 2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004
- Secretary, 2001-2002
- Reviewer for TAFCS Research Journal, 2000-2002
- Awards Selection Committee, 2000-2001
- Exhibit Co-Chair, 2000-2002
- Southeast District Chair, 1999-2000
- General Arrangements Co-Chair, 1998-1999
- Elementary, Secondary, and Adult Education Section Secretary, 1996
- Registration Committee, 1995 Annual Meeting

Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

- Alternate to 4-H and Youth Program Development District Committee, 1999-2000
- Exhibit Chair, 1999 Annual Meeting
- District Contributor/Coordinator to newsletter, 1997 to 1999

Gonzales Main Street Association

Vice President 2005

Committee Involvement/Community Development

Shiner Gaslight Theatre – Crew/Understudy-Texas Love Potion – Spring 2017

Shiner Comanche Band Boosters – Vice President, Concessions 2017-18
Secretary/Public Relations Officer 2016-17

Grant Committee- Shiner Catholic School 2010-2011; 2003-2004

PSIA (private school academic meet)

Coordinator for Shiner Catholic School 2013-14 school year

Co-Coordinator for Shiner Catholic School 2010-2011 school year

One Act Play Director 2011 to 2014

Contest Director/ Ready Writing– 2012 State Meet

Contest Director Impromptu Preliminaries –District Meet 2013

Contest Director – 4th Grade Prose Interpretation Finals – District Meet 2013

Candidate for Gonzales Independent School Board Trustee 2009

Gonzales County 4-H, Volunteer Leader, Foods Project Coordinator 2007-2012, Club Co-Manager, 2012-2013, Manager – 2014-17; Adult Leaders President – 2014-2016, Treasurer 2017-18

Gonzales County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Program
Development Committee – 2007 to 2012

Crystal Theatre Board of Directors, September 2006 to December 2007
Fund Development Chair; By-Laws Revision Co-Chair

Catholic Daughters of America, Come and Take It co-chair, 2003

Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Training Committee, 2000-2001

Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Reviewer, Telemarketing Fraud Educational Packet, Sue Lynn Sasser, 2000

State 4-H Record Review Team, 1999 to 2000

Member, District Professional Development Committee, 1999 to 2000

Gonzales Learning and Career Center
Board of Directors, Founding Board Member, 1998 to 2001
Nominating Committee, 1999-2000
Scholarship Committee, 1998 to 2001

Funding Resources Chair, assisted Executive Director
in grant research, 1998 to 1999
Public Relations Chair, 1999 to 2001

Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Public Protection and Safety

Committee, 2000 to 2001

Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Revolving Loan Committee,
1999 to 2000

Gonzales Early Impact Coalition, 1997 to 2001

STAR Council Advisory Board, 1997 to 1998

Gonzales High School, Vocational Advisory Committee, 1996-1998

Kirby Junior High School, Teacher Expectation Student Achievement, 1995 to
1996

International Youth Leadership Conference, American Youth Foundation, Camp
Merrowvista, Ossipee, New Hampshire, 1989-90 - participant; 1991-93 staff; girls
director 1993

Film and Print:

Commercial – extra – Shiner Bock – Fueled Film, May 2016

Commercial – principal character, Nancy Vogel, Shiner Wicked Ram, “Chili” – 30
second national commercial and print advertisement – Fueled Film and Dave
Mead Photography – September 2015

Honors and Awards

New Achiever of the Year, Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences,
March 2000

New Achiever of the Year, American Association of Family and Consumer
Sciences, June 2000