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Education

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| August 1992 | Ph.D. | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Education (Early Childhood Special Education) |
| August 1987 | MA | Appalachian State University, Boone, NC; Special Education (Severe and Profound Disabilities) |
| December 1978 | AB | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Interdisciplinary Studies (Education of the Blind and Creative Writing) |

Doctoral Dissertation and Master's Thesis

McWilliam, R. A. (1992). Predictors of service delivery models in center-based early intervention. *Dissertation Abstracts International, 53-09A*, 3171. (University Microfilms No. 9302548)

McWilliam, R. A. (1987). *The effects of noncontingent stimulation on learning by handicapped preschoolers and nonhandicapped infants*. Unpublished master's thesis, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.

Areas of Specialization

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| Early intervention with infants and toddlers  Intervention plan development  Routines-Based Interview  Child engagement  Preschool classroom management | Checklist-based feedback  Family support practices  Criteria for evidence-based practices  Challenging behaviors  Implementation planning |

Experience

2015-Present

***Owner, Robin McWilliam Consulting***

R. A. McWilliam, LLC, Nashville, TN  
mcwilliamconsulting.com

Helping administrators, early intervention professionals, and researchers all over the world to assess their needs, develop solutions, and measure success. Services consist of child and family assessment and intervention planning, implementation and strategic planning, personal coaching, planning and implementing professional development, presentations, and research design and measurement.

## Principal and Purveyor

The RAM Group  
ramgroup.info

Coordinating, training, and supporting members to provide top-quality services, and training in early intervention 0-6 throughout the world. Operated like a hybrid of a community of practice, a think tank, and a speakers’ bureau, the RAM Group consists of experts intent on ensuring the Routines-Based Model is presented and implemented with fidelity. Conducting research is an important part of the group’s work. In implementation science, a purveyor is the developer of a model.

2008-Present

***Professor of Education (courtesy appointment)***, College of Health, Education, and Professional Studies; University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

2008-2015

***Siskin Endowed Chair of Research in Early Childhood Education, Development, and Intervention***

***Director of the Siskin Center for Child and Family Research***

Siskin Children’s Institute, Chattanooga, TN

## Service and Training

Director of the Siskin Home- and Community-Based Early Intervention Program

Director of the ESCALATE Program (2010-2012)

Director of Training for Intervention, Engagement, and Reinforcement (2013-2014)

Founder and Director of Routines-Based Interview Certification Institute

## Grant-Funded Research

Principal Investigator: TEIDS *Plus*: Integrating quality assurance and data-based decision making to enhance IFSP quality, implementation, and child and family outcomes (2007-2011)

2008-2013

***Adjoint Professor (courtesy appointment)***, Department of Special Education, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University

2002-2008

***Division Chief***, Center for Child Development (division for developmental and behavioral pediatrics), Department of Pediatrics, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and the Monroe Carell Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

***Professor (tenured)***, Department of Pediatrics, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

***Professor (secondary appointment)***, Department of Special Education, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University

***Investigator,*** John F. Kennedy Center for Research on Education and Human Development

***Investigator,*** Learning Sciences Institute

***Service Chief,*** ACGME-accredited training program for fellowships in developmental and behavioral pediatrics, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

## Service and Training

Director: Junior-League Vanderbilt Center for Parenting Young Children (2007-2008)

Principal Investigator: National Individualizing Inclusion Project: A Project of National Significance (2003-2005)

Principal Investigator: **T**ennessee Technical Assistance and **R**esources for **E**nhancing **D**eafblind **S**upports (2005- 2008)

## Grant-Funded Research

Principal Investigator: Improving Engagement in Preschoolers With Disabilities (2001-2005)

Principal Investigator: The Engagement Classroom: A Model for Preschool Inclusion (2005-2008)

Principal Investigator: Routines-Based Interview to Plan Interventions and Measure Family Quality of Life (2006-2007)

Principal Investigator: TEIDS *Plus*: Integrating quality assurance and data-based decision making to enhance IFSP quality, implementation, and child and family outcomes (2007-2011)

Investigator: A Comparison of Home- and Center-Based Intervention Settings for Infants and Toddlers with Hearing Loss (PI: Anne Marie Tharpe, 2005-2007)

1988-2002

***Senior Scientist***, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Previous job titles: Social Research Associate II (1988-1992), Investigator (1992-1999), Fellow (1996-1999), Scientist (1999-2001)

## Service and Training

Investigator: Early Intervention Training Center on Visual Impairment (2001-2005; PI: Deborah Hatton)

Principal Investigator: Doctoral Training Program in Early Intervention and Family Support (2000-2002; Don Bailey PI 1998-2000)

Principal Investigator: Project INTEGRATE (Integrated and Naturalistic Therapy and Education Garnered from Research And Treatment Experiences; 1997-2000)

## Grant-Funded Research

Principal Investigator: Improving Engagement in Preschoolers With Disabilities (2001-2003)

Principal Investigator: Individualizing Inclusion in Child Care Model Demonstration Project (2000-2002; Mark Wolery PI 1998-2000)

Principal Investigator: Engagement as an Outcome of Child Care Quality (“The Engagement Project”; 1997-2000)

Investigator: National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (1995-2000; contract from SRI, Inc.; PI: Kathy Hebbeler)

Principal Investigator: School Practices Project, Early Childhood Follow-Through Research Institute (1995-2000; PIs: Mark Wolery & Don Bailey)

Principal Investigator: Teaching Styles in Early Intervention: Responsiveness and Directiveness (1994-1997).

Principal Investigator: Transitions From Part H to Preschool (1995-1996).

Investigator: Early Childhood Research Institute: Service Utilization (1994-1997; PI: Gloria Harbin)

Principal Investigator: Integrated vs Isolated Treatment Grant (1993-1995). Project Director (1990-1992; PI: Don Bailey)

Principal Investigator: Service Delivery by Allied-Health Professionals: A Focus Group Study (1994-1995)

Principal Investigator: Engagement Validation for Research with Children with Mental Retardation (1994)

Principal Investigator: Professional Perceptions of Early Intervention Services in North Carolina (1994)

Investigator: Evaluation Study of Part H Services in North Carolina (1992-94; PI: Pat Porter)

Principal Investigator: ICC Survey of Family Satisfaction with Early Intervention Services (1992-1993)

Project Director: Child Engagement Research Grant (1989-1990)

Investigator: Carolina Institute for Research on Infant Personnel Preparation (PI: Don Bailey) (1988-1992)

2002-2004 ***Research Professor***, Early Childhood, Families, and Literacy Area, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

1998-2002 ***Research Associate Professor***, Early Childhood, Families, and Literacy Area, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

1998-2001 ***Sports Counselor***, Field Hockey Program, Department of Athletics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

1996-1998 ***Research Assistant Professor***, Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

1993-1995 ***Clinical Assistant Professor*,** Department of Specialized Education Programs, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

1992 (Fall) ***Visiting Assistant Professor***, Department of Special Education, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

1986-1988 ***Project Coordinator***, Project SUNRISE (Systematic Use of Newly Researched Interventions by Special Educators), Family, Infant and Preschool Program, Western Carolina Center, Morganton, N C

1983-1987 ***Project Coordinator*,** Project SUNRISE (Support Network of Rural Intervention Services), Family, Infant and Preschool Program, Western Carolina Center, Morganton, NC

1984-1987 ***Supervisor*,** Family Place Preschool Classrooms, Family, Infant and Preschool Program, Western Carolina Center, Morganton, NC

1982-1983 ***Child Development Specialist***, The Tammy Lynn Center, Early Childhood Intervention Program, Raleigh, NC

1981-1982 ***Child Development Specialis****t*, Johnston County Mental Health Center, Early Childhood Intervention Program, Smithfield, NC

1980 ***Independent Living Skills Instructor (Consultant****)*, North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Division of Services for the Blind, Raleigh, NC

1979  ***Educational Development Assistant***, The Governor Morehead School, Raleigh, NC

Other Affiliations

2005-2008 Consultant: Kent State University-University of Kentucky Collaborative Leadership Grant for Doctoral Education in Early Childhood Special Education. Director: Kristie Pretti-Frontzcak, Kent State University

2004-2007 Investigator: The Center to Guide Personnel Preparation Policy and Practice in Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education. PI: Mary Beth Bruder, University of Connecticut

2004-2006 Consultant: Enhancing the Quality of Inclusion in Preschool (Project EQuIP). PI: Lee Ann Jung, University of Kentucky.

2003-2006 External evaluator: Tennessee General Supervision Enhancement Grant. PI: Rich Lewis, Southeastern Regional Resource Center, University of Kentucky

2003 Consultant: Autism Services Study. PI: Joe Morrissey, Program on Mental Health Services and Systems Research, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2003-2006 External Evaluator: Carolina Interdisciplinary Large-Scale Policy Research Training. PI: Gloria Harbin, FPG Child Development Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2002-2005 Evaluator: National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring. PI: Alan Coulter, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

* 1. Investigator: The Integration of Health and Social Services for Young Children and Their Families (“The Integration Study”; Canada). PI: John D. McLennan, McMaster University.

2005-Present Team Collaborator: Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, Portugal, by virtue of collaboration with the Centro de Psicologia da Universidade do Porto.

Personal Data

Date of Birth: October 18, 1956

Lived in El Salvador (birthplace), The Bahamas, Ecuador, Argentina, United Kingdom, USA (since 1975)

Citizenship: United States of America

Schools: Clifton Hall School, Edinburgh, Scotland (1966-1970)  
Fettes College, Edinburgh, Scotland (1970-1974)

Family: P. J. McWilliam, Ph.D. (wife)  
Kirsten and Sonny (daughters)  
Tinsley (granddaughter)

Relevant Skills

Working competence in Braille and Signed Exact English (sign language)

Competent in Spanish

Editorial Experience

2009-Present Associate Editor, *Exceptional Children*

2009-Present International Editor, *Infants and Young Children*

1997-2002 Editor, *Journal of Early Intervention*

1997 Steering Committee, *Young Exceptional Children*

1993-1997 Managing Editor/Copyeditor. *Journal of Early Intervention*

1990-1996 Associate Editor, *TEACHING Exceptional Children*.

1985 Associate Guest Editor. *Analysis and Intervention in Developmental Disabilities, 5*(1-2). Special issue on early intervention.

Editorial Boards

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| 1988-1996 | *TEACHING Exceptional Children* |
| 1993-Present | *Journal of Early Intervention* |
| 1994-2016 | *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education* |
| 1996-Present | *Exceptional Children* |
| 1997-1998 | *Young Exceptional Children* |
| 1999-Present | *Early Childhood Research and Practice* |
| 2000-Present | *Journal of Special Education* |
| 2001-Present | *Infants and Young Children* |
| 2008-Present | *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics* |
| 2009-Present | *McGill Journal of Education / Revue des sciences de l'éducation de McGill* |

Since 1989 **Guest Reviewer**

*American Educational Research Journal:*

*American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*

*American Journal on Mental Retardation*

*Early Childhood Research Quarterly*

*International Journal of Disability, Development and Education*

*Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*

*Journal of Behavioral Education*

*Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*

*Journal of Educational Psychology*

*Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*

*Journal of the Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps*

*Psychological Reports: Perceptual and Motor Skills*

*Review of Educational Research*

*Education Sciences*

Service

International

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| 2002-Present | Collaborating Member, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (Foundation for Science and Technology), Portugal |

National

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| 1987-1995 | HCEEP Rural Network Board of Directors |
| 1991-1992 | Division of Early Childhood (CEC) Recommended Practices Task Force. Strand Co-Chair: Service-Delivery Models/Environments |
| 1996-1997 | National Part H Evaluation Consortium |
| 1996-1997 | Advisory Board, Quality of Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities, National Center for Education, Development, and Learning |
| 1997 | Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education (review of Early Childhood Longitudinal Study—Birth Cohort) |
| 1998-2000 | Interdisciplinary Models Strand (chair), DEC Recommended Practices Revision |
| 2001 | Peer Review Work Group, Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education |
| 2003 | CEC Division of Research Committee on Families of Individuals with Disabilities |
| 2003 | Committee to Review Quality of Evidence From Correlational Research for Evidence-Based Practice, Division for Research, Council for Exceptional Children |
| 2004 | Intervention Planning Group, Fragile X Newborn Screening Planning Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| 2004-2007 | Early Childhood Outcomes Center Technical Work Groups on Child and Family Outcomes |
| 2004-2010 | ERIC Subject Matter Expert (early childhood), CSC for the U.S. Department of Education |
| 2005-2009 | Council for Exceptional Children—Division for Research, Presidential track: Vice-President (2005-2006), President-Elect (2006-2007), President (2007-2008), Past President (2008-2009); Families Committee, Publications Committee |
| 2006-2009 | Early Childhood Family Supports Community of Action Steering Committee, organized by Ann Turnbull, Beach Center, University of Kansas |
| 2006-2011 | National Center on High Quality Personnel in Inclusive Preschool Settings, Leadership Team |
| 2007-2012 | Evidence-Based Practice Pilot Team, Council for Exceptional Children |
| 2009-2014 | Early Childhood Outcomes Center, Advisory Board |
| 2010 | IFSP/IEP-Outcomes Integration Think Tank, sponsored by NECTAC/ECO |
| 2010-2015 | Technical Work Group, National Evaluation of the IDEA Technical Assistance and Dissemination Program |
| 2010 | National Advisory Board, Texas Early Intervention Study, SRI International |
| 2010-2011 | National Advisory Board, Institute for Partnership in the Early Years, University of Kansas |
| 2012 | Individualized Education Program and Child Outcomes Workgroup, sponsored by NECTAC |
| 2012 | Reviewer, Office of Special Education Programs center grants |
| 2013 | Topic team on teaming and collaboration, DEC Recommended Practices |
| 2013-2014 | IDEA Early Childhood System Framework Technical Working Group, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center |

State

1983-1988 North Carolina Association for Infants and Families. Board of Directors, Vice President (1985-1988).

1986-1988 Governor’s Task Force on the NC Schools for Deaf and the Blind

1986-1991 Personnel Development Task Force of the NC Interagency Coordinating Council.

1988-2002 North Carolina Division for Early Childhood of CEC (President, 1988-89; Past President, 1989-90; Chair, Advocacy and  
Governmental Relations Committee, 1989-91)

1988-1994 North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Preschool Handicapped Certification Committee and Practicum Planning and Supervision Committee

1989-1991 Public Awareness Task Force of the NC Interagency Coordinating Council

1990-1991 North Carolina Developmental Disabilities Consortium

1991-1998 Children & Families Committee of the NC Interagency Coordinating Council (Professional Co-Chair, 1994-1997).

1994-1998 North Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Children Ages Birth to Five with Disabilities and Their Families (appointed by Governor Jim Hunt)

1996 Task Force on Early Intervention for Hearing Impaired Children, NC Department of Human Resources, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

1996-2000 New York Service Guidelines National Advisory Panel

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| 2003-2005 | Advisory Council, TREDS: Tennessee Technical Assistance and Resources for Enhancing Deafblind Supports, Vanderbilt University. |
| 2004-2008 | Statewide Genetics Coordinating Committee, Tennessee Department of Health |
| 2004-2011 | Early Childhood Comprehensive System Advisory Committee, Division of Maternal and Child Health, Tennessee Department of Health |
| 2005-2006 | Diagnosis and Treatment Work Group on Access to Care After EPSDT Screenings, Children’s Hospital Alliance of Tennessee |
| 2005-2006 | Service Guidelines Committee for Part C Services, Tennessee Department of Education |
| 2006-2012 | Advisory Council, Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee’s Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI); Chair 2007-2009 |
| 2008 | Steering Panel, Childhood Mental Health, Governor’s Office of Children’s Care Coordination, Tennessee |
| 2009-2011 | Disability Law Advocacy Center of Tennessee Fundraising Committee |
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Local

1993-95 School Governance Committee (elected parent representative), Frank Porter Graham Elementary School, Chapel Hill, NC (Chair, 1994-95)

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| 1998-2000 | Advisory Group, Individualizing Inclusion in Child Care, Model Demonstration Project, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| 2005-2007 | Service Delivery Committee (Chair), Greater Nashville Local Interagency Coordinating Council |
| 2009 | Research Advisory Group, Children’s Discovery Museum, Chattanooga, TN |
| 2009-2013 | Advisory Board, Project Ready for School, United Way of Greater Chattanooga |
| 2011-2013 | Advisory Committee, Invest in Children and Youth, United Way of Greater Chattanooga |
| 2012 | Grundy County, TN, Frontiers of Innovation Committee; Advisory Board, South Cumberland Collaborative for Children and Families |

Conference Review and Planning

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| 1989-Present | Proposals for Division for Early Childhood (CEC) Conference |
| 1992, 1994 | Proposals for American Educational Research Association Conference |
| 1997, 1998 (Chair), 2001 (Chair) | Planning Committee, Research Project Directors Meeting, sponsored by OSERS, U.S. Dept. of Education; and the Council for Exceptional Children |
| 1998, 2001, 2002 | Planning Committee, Research to Practice Summit on Inclusion in the Early Years (NECTAS) |
| 2002, 2003 | Chair, Planning Committee, National Early Childhood Meeting, sponsored by OSEP, U.S. Dept. of Education; and the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center |

University Service

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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| 1988-1999 | FPG Child Care Management Team | |
| 1993 | Child Development/Family Studies Program Planning Committee, School of Education | |
| 1993-1997 | Research Advisory Board, Division of Physical Therapy, Department of Medical Allied Health Professions | |
| 1993 | Pre-K Certification Committee, Department of Specialized Education Programs, School of Education | |
| 1992-1997 | Ira Gordon Lecture Series Committee | |
| 1995 | Computer Services Review Committee (Chair), Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center | |
| 1998 | Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience Program Review Team | |
| 1998-2000 | Volunteer Sports Counselor, University of North Carolina-CH Field Hockey Program |
| 1998-2001 | Official Scorekeeper/Statistician, University of North Carolina-CH Field Hockey Program |
| 1998 | Committee to Develop EPA Nonfaculty Classification System, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center |
| 1999 | Task Force on Outreach and Public Service (Chair), Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center |
| 2000 | Search Committee for Director of Outreach Services (Chair), Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center |
| 2000 | Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Intervention and Child Development and Family Studies, School of Education |
| 2001-2002 | Graduate Studies Division Committee, School of Education |
| 2001-2002 | Carolina First Campaign Steering Committee for Women’s Field Hockey |
| 2009-2014 | Morehead-Cain Scholarship Alumni Reader |

Vanderbilt University

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| 2002-2008 | Department of Pediatrics Research Committee on Community Building |
| 2002-2008 | Faculty Advisor, Field Hockey Club |
| 2003-2005 | Advisory Board, TREDS: Tennessee Technical Assistance and Resources for Enhancing Deafblind Supports, Vanderbilt University. |
| 2003-2004 | Sponsor Team member, redesigning services for children with disabilities, sponsored by Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital |
| 2004-2008 | Leadership Council, Vanderbilt Habilitation and Rehabilitation Services |
| 2003-2006 | Search Committee, Director of the Division of General Pediatrics |
| 2003-2004 | Search Committee, Early Childhood Special Education Faculty Member |
| 2004-2008 | Department of Pediatrics Appointments and Promotions Committee |
| 2004-2006 | Equal Access Committee, Vanderbilt University |
| 2004 | Susan Gray School Financial Sustainability Committee |
| 2006-2008 | Ed.D. in Early Childhood Leadership Committee, Peabody College |

Organizations (Current Member)

* Association for Childhood Education International
* Council for Exceptional Children  
  Division for Early Childhood

Research Committee

Division of Research  
Board of Directors (Vice President, 2005-2006; President-Elect, 2006-2007; President, 2007-2008; Past President, 2008-2009)

Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities

* International Society on Early Intervention

Boards

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| 1998-2000 | Individualizing Inclusion in Child Care Model Demonstration Project, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (PI: Mark Wolery). Advisory board member |
| 2003-2005 | National Early Childhood Transition Center (PI: Beth Rous, University of Kentucky). Expert panel member |
| 2003-2005 | Advisory Board, TREDS: Tennessee Technical Assistance and Resources for Enhancing Deafblind Supports, Vanderbilt University. |
| 2005-2008 | Board of Directors, First Steps, Inc., Nashville, TN |
| 2006-2012 | Advisory Council, Tennessee Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness; Chair 2007-2009 |
| 2006-2009 | Board of Directors, American Association for Home-Based Early Interventionists |
| 2007-2009 | Board of Directors, Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee (DLAC) |
| 2009-2013 | Advisory Board, Project Ready for School, United Way of Greater Chattanooga |
| 2009-2013 | Invest in Children and Youth Committee, United Way of Greater Chattanooga |

Honors

* 1. John Motley Morehead Scholarship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.

1977 Order of the Grail (honorary society recognizing scholarship, leadership, character, and service), University of North Carolina-CH.

1977 Order of the Old Well (honorary society recognizing “unrecognized” humanitarian service), University of North Carolina-CH.

1984 Employee of the Year for Innovativeness, Family, Infant and Preschool Program, Western Carolina Center, Morganton, NC.

1988 Employee of the Year for Training and Technical Assistance, Family Infant and Preschool Program, Western Carolina Center, Morganton, NC.

1989 North Carolina Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children Award for Contributions to NC-DEC.

1997-2002 Editor, *Journal of Early Intervention.*

2005-2008 Council for Exceptional Children—Division for Research, presidential track

2006 Outstanding volunteer, 5th Annual Community Action Awards, Metropolitan Action Commission, Nashville and Davidson County, TN

2006-2009 Advisory Council, Tennessee Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness; Chair 2007-2009,

2008 Appointed first Siskin Endowed Research Chair in Early Childhood Education, Development, and Intervention

2014 Mary McEvoy Service to the Field Award from the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children

Grant Review

1. Allegheny-Singer Research Institute, Intramural Grant Competition.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education, Student-Initiated Research Projects.

2005 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

2009 Institute for Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education

2012 Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities – Early Childhood Personnel Center, OSEP, U.S. Department of Education

Legislative Testimony

March, 1990 Testimony to the Joint Committee on Education of the North Carolina General Assembly on the need for a preschool mandate.

April, 1991 Testimony to the Subcommittee on Select Education of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor on personnel preparation issues regarding reauthorization of Part H and Part B (Section 619) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

University Teaching

Courses Taught

Fall 1992 Assessment and Intervention. Early Childhood Special Education Master’s Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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| Spring 1993-Spring 2002 | Problems in Special Education (Independent Study), University of North Carolina-CH |
| Fall 1993- Spring 1994 | Master’s Practicum in Early Intervention and Family Support, University of North Carolina-CH |
| Fall 1996 | EDSP 342: Doctoral Seminar on Research Design and Methods, University of North Carolina-CH |
| Spring 1999 Spring 2000 | Teaching Strategies (2 weeks). Institute of Educational Studies, Cairo University, Egypt |
| Spring 1999 Spring 2000 | Research Design and Methods (1 week). Faculdade de Psicologia e de Ciências de Educação, Universidade do Porto, Portugal |
| Spring 2000 Fall 2001 | EDSP 342: Doctoral Seminar on Research on Interventions and Program Models for Young Children With Disabilities, University of North Carolina-CH |
| Fall 2000 | EDSP 342: Doctoral Seminar on Families Research, University of North Carolina-CH |
| Spring 2001 | CDFS 60: Infant-Toddler Assessment and Intervention |
| Spring 2002 | EDUC 361: Single-Subject Research in Early Intervention in Developmental Studies (minicourse), Faculdade de Psicologia e de Ciências de Educação, Universidade do Porto, Portugal |
| Spring 2008 | Seminar on Early Intervention in Natural Environments (online), Kent State University-University of Kentucky |
| Mentorship |  |
| Summer 1993-94 Summer 1996-98 | Mentor for Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience for Minority Students |

Teaching Assistant

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| Fall 1989 Fall 1990 | Methods in Early Intervention (Don Bailey, Ph.D., Instructor), Department of Special Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. |

Guest Lecturer

Fall 1986 Professional Issues in Speech and Language Services. Appalachian State University

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| Spring 1990 Spring 1991 | Alternative Service Delivery Models. Graduate Speech and Hearing Class, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. |

Fall 1992 Implementation of PL 99-457. Graduate Speech and Hearing Class, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Fall 1992 Exceptionalities. Working with Families Class, Meredith College.

Fall 1993-2000 Child Engagement. Graduate Speech and Hearing Class, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Spring 1996 Child Engagement. Early Childhood Education Class  
Salem College

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| Summer 1996 Summer 1997 | Writing Research Proposals, Professional Development,  Child Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| Fall 1997 Fall 1998 | Mixed-Method Research. EDFO 390, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| Spring 1999 Spring 2000 | Methods for Teaching Children With Disabilities in Learning (2 weeks), Institute of Educational Studies, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt |
| Spring 2000 | Classroom Management Methods, Institute of Educational Studies, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt |
| Spring 2001, 2003 | Integrated Services in Natural Environments. Early Intervention Master's Class. University of Connecticut |
| Summer 2001 | Early Intervention in Natural Environments*.* Lecture presented at the Faculdade de Psicologia e de Ciências de Educação, University of Porto. |
| Fall 2002, 2003 | Engagement. Undergraduate and Graduate Class on Preschool Intervention, Department of Special Education, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University |
| Spring 2003 | Research Methods; Faculdade de Psicologia e de Ciências de Educação, University of Porto |
| Spring 2003, 2004 | Home Visiting, Graduate Infant-Toddler Intervention, Special Education Department, Vanderbilt University |
| Fall 2003 | Family-Centered Services. Graduate Speech and Hearing Class, Vanderbilt University |
| Fall 2003 | Routines-Based Interview. Undergraduate Class on Assessment, Department of Special Education, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University |
| Summer 2004 | Engagement and Participation (with Rune J. Simeonsson), Transatlantic Consortium on Early Intervention, Vanderbilt University |
| July 2004 | Old and New Standards for Quality Research: Applications for Family-Centered Practice and Disability, College of Educational and Developmental Psychologists, Queensland University of Technology |
| March 2006 | Behavioral-Ecological Special Education, Faculdade de Ciências Sociais, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Braga, Portugal |
| July 2010 | (a) Home- and Community-Based Early Intervention, (b) Engagement of Every Child in the Preschool Classroom, The University of Connecticut A. J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Farmington, CT |

Practicum Supervisor

1991-1993 Statewide Practicum Supervisor for candidates seeking Preschool Handicapped certification from the NC Department of Public Instruction.

Postdoctoral Supervision

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| 1. Cecilia Aguiar | ISPA Lisbon, Portugal |
| 1. Joana Cadima | University of Porto, Portugal |

Doctoral (Ph.D.) Committees

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| 1. Sarintha Stricklin | University of New Orleans (Special Education) |
| 1. Craig Pohlman | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (School Psychology) |
| 1. Brad McMillen | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Special Education; Dissertation Advisor) |
| 1. Susan Miller | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Special Education; Chair) |
| 1. Kim Sloper | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (School Psychology; Dissertation Advisor) |
| 1. Toni Jardine | University of New Orleans (Special Education) |
| 1. Laurie Selz | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Special Education) |
| 1. Anita Scarborough | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Special Education) |
| 1. Rachael Ragin | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Educational Administration—Ed.D.) |
| 1. Rebecca Zulli | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education—Educational Psychology) |
| 1. Holly Greenwood Rhodes | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education; Chair) |
| 1. Margaret S. Brashers | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education) |
| 1. Debbie Reinhartsen | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education; Chair) |
| 1. Patricia Rodriguez | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education) |
| 1. Anne Wheeler | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education—School Psychology) |
| 1. Nicole Ament | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education) |
| 1. Chia-Ling Tien | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education) |
| 1. Holly Appanaitis | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Education--School Psychology; Advisor) |
| 1. Cecília Aguiar | University of Porto (Psychology and Educational Sciences; Research Advisor) |
| 1. Ana Isabel Pinto | University of Porto (Psychology and Educational Sciences) |
| 1. Danielle Liso | Vanderbilt University (Special Education) |
| 1. Nicolette L. Bainbridge | Vanderbilt University (Special Education) |
| 1. Cornelia Taylor | Vanderbilt University (Special Education) |
| 1. Cecilia Aguiar | University of Porto (Psychology and Educational Sciences) |
| 1. Amy Casey | Vanderbilt University (Special Education; Chair) |
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2005 Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital Children’s Fund, “Family-Centered Positive Behavior Support Program.” $40,000 (1 year)

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Presentations

Invited

International

1. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, June). *Early intervention in natural environments.* Lecture presented at the Faculdade de Psicologia e de Ciências de Educação, University of Porto, **Portugal**.
2. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, June). *The five key elements of providing early intervention in natural environments* and *Support-based home visits.* Keynote addresses presented at the annual meeting of the National Early Intervention Association, Coimbra, **Portugal**.
3. McWilliam, R. A., & McWilliam, P. J. (2004, July). *Applying a natural-environments model of early intervention.* Workshop presented at the Early Child Intervention Australia Annual Meeting, Melbourne, **Australia**.
4. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, July). *Engagement: A focus for functional early intervention*. Keynote address to the Early Child Intervention Australia Annual Meeting, Melbourne, **Australia**.
5. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, July). *Rescuing child development through ecobehavioral interventions.* Invited address sponsored by the University of Queensland, Brisbane, **Australia**.
6. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, September). *Collaborative consultation in community contexts*. Plenary session at the Europe Regional Medical Command, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services Conference, Willingen, **Germany**.
7. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, September). *Routines-based interview: Creating family-centered, functional intervention plans* and *Home visiting*. Workshops presented at the Europe Regional Medical Command, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services Conference, Willingen, **Germany**.
8. McWilliam, R. A. (2005, May). *Foundations for learning in a modern society.* Paper presented at the Encontro Internacional Diferenciação do Conceito à Práctica, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Porto, **Portugal**.
9. McWilliam, R. A. (2005, August). *The Routines-Based Interview* and *Home visiting*. Workshops presented at the Europe Regional Medical Command, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services Conference, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, **Germany**.
10. Goetze, L., Maude, S., & McWilliam, R. A. (2007, October). *Primary service model versus independent-vendor model in early intervention.* Paper presented at the 23rd Annual International Conference on Young Children (Division for Early Childhood of CEC), Niagara Falls, Ontario, **Canada**.
11. McWilliam, R. A. (2006, November). *The three foundations for learning for children birth to 6 years of age* and *The missing assessment: Needs of children and families in everyday life.* Papers presented at the V Congreso Nacional de Interventcão Precoce, Associacão Nacional de Interventcão Precoce, Aveiro, **Portugal**.
12. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, November). *Needs assessment and intervention where they make sense: In routines.* Associacão Nacional de Interventcão Precoce, Coimbra, **Portugal**.
13. McWilliam, R. A. (2009, November). *Atención Temprana basada en rutinas: Dirigiéndose a los fundamentos del aprendizaje en entornos naturales.* Keynote address at the 3rd Interdisciplinary Meeting on Disability/Developmental Disorders and Early Care and the European Meeting on Early Intervention, Madrid, **Spain**.
14. McWilliam, R. A. (2009, November). *Early intervention teams educational area/other professionals.* Invited colloquium at the 3rd Interdisciplinary Meeting on Disability/Developmental Disorders and Early Care and the European Meeting on Early Intervention, Madrid, **Spain**.
15. McWilliam, R. A. (2010, May). *Intervenção precoce: Construindo practices com impacto.* Workshop presented at the Fórum Cultural José Manueal Figueiredo, Baixa da Banheira, **Portugal** (organized by Associação NÓS).
16. McWilliam, R. A. (2010, May). *Early childhood intervention: Out of clinics and into natural environments.* Paper presented at the Faculdade de Psicologia ed de Ciéncias da Educação, Universidade de Porto, **Portugal**.
17. McWilliam, R. A. (2010, October).  *The importance of family in early intervention* and *How to work with families in early intervention* for IV Encontro Intervenção Precoce sponsored by the Centre Cultural de Campo Maior, **Portugal**.
18. McWilliam, R. A. (2011, November). *Não compliquem a IPI: centrem-se em envolvimento, independência e interacções sociais (Don’t complicate the IFSP: Focus on engagement, independpence, and social relationships).* Keynote address to the IX Congresso Nacional de Intervenção Precoce, Madeira, **Portugal.**
19. McWilliam, R. A. (2012, June). *A day with Robin McWilliam.* Presentation at Massey University, Auckland, **New Zealand**.
20. McWilliam, R. A. (2012, August). *Practical discussion of evidence-based practices.* Organized by Early Childhood Intervention Australia-Victoria, held at the Victoria Department of Educational and Early Childhood Development, Melbourne, Victoria, **Australia**.
21. McWililam, R. A. (2012, August). *Promoting engagement through a routines-based approach.* Keynote address at the Early Childhood Intervention Australia biennial national conference, Perth, Western Australia, **Australia**.
22. McWilliam, R. A. (2012, August). *Engagement of every child in the child care and preschool setting.* Workshop presented at the Early Childhood Intervention Australia biennial national conference, Perth, Western Australia, **Australia**.
23. McWilliam, R. A. (2012, September). *Ten family-level strategies for promoting child and family outcomes.* Keynote address at the 1st International Early Childhood Intervention Conference (ANIP—Portuguese National Early Intervention Association) Eurlyaid Annual Conference, Braga, **Portugal**.
24. Guralnick, M., Carpenter, B., McWilliam, R. A. , Pretis, M., Espe-Sherwendt, M., & Chaves de Almeida, I (2012, September). *Future perspectives in early childhood intervention.* Panel discussion at the 1st International Early Childhood Intervention Conference (ANIP—Portuguese National Early Intervention Association) Eurlyaid Annual Conference, Braga, **Portugal**.
25. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, July). *A day with Robin McWilliam*. University of Christchurch, **New Zealand**.
26. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, November). *Early intervention in natural environments.* Presentation organized by FEAPS, Madrid, **Spain**.
27. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, November). *Early intervention in natural environments*. Presentation organized by ONCE and CERMI, Valencia, **Spain**.
28. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, February). *Functional needs assessment, writing functional goals, and using consultation for service delivery.* Presentation for Getting Ready for Inclusion Today program, Edmonton, Alberta, **Canada**.
29. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, April). *Functional goal writing, consultative practices, and inclusion.* Presentation to North East Infant and Child Development Services, Windsor, and Infant & Child Development Services PEEL, Missisauga, Ontario, **Canada**.
30. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, May). *Unified model of early intervention 0-5.* Presentation at the Autonomous University of Madrid, **Spain**.
31. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, May). *Promover las competencias de las familias: El plan individualizado de apoyo familiar.* Presentation at the Second International Conference on Families and Disability, organized by Ramón Llul University, Barcelona, **Spain**.
32. McWilliam, R. A., & Serrano, A. (2014, May). *Working with families: New challenges for families and professionals.* Presentation at the Second International Conference on Families and Disability, organized by Ramón Llul University, Barcelona, **Spain**.
33. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, September). *Early intervention in natural and family-centered contexts to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and promote their development* and *Family-centered positive behavior support.* Keynote addresses at the Seventh International Congress on Disability, Medellín, **Colombia**.
34. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, October). *Routines-based early intervention.* Guest lecture at Chang Gung University, Tao-Yuan, **Taiwan**.
35. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, October). From RBI to IFSP. Guest lecture for Department of Special Education, Natioanl Taipei University of Education, **Taiwan**.
36. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, October). Early intervention in natural contexts. Keynote speech. Home-visiting training fro early interventionists. Workshop. Intervention strategies in home and classroom. Workshop. 15th International Conference of Early Intervention for Children with Developmental Delay, Taipei, **Taiwan**.

USA

1. 36th Annual Conference on Exceptional Children, North Carolina Dept. of Public Instruction, "Project SUNRISE: Parents using alternative strategies with handicapped young children," November, 1984, Charlotte, NC.
2. Governor Morehead School Preschool Conference, Annual Meeting of the NC Alliance for Parents of the Visually Impaired, Keynote Address, "Parent empowerment: Whose responsibility?" February, 1985, Raleigh, NC.
3. Governor Morehead School Preschool Conference, "Self-help skills: Working for independence in the multihandicapped or visually impaired preschooler," and, "A support system approach to raising your multihandicapped child," February, 1985, Raleigh, NC.
4. Conference for Early Childhood Special Education, Virginia Dept. of Education, "An assessment intervention model for use with multihandicapped infants," March, 1985, Lynchburg, VA.
5. West Virginia Schools for the Deaf Fall Conference, "Training paraprofessionals in assessment-intervention techniques with infants and preschoolers," April, 1985, Romney, WV.
6. Coalition for Parent Education and Family Resource Coalition Regional Conference, "Empowering rural families," May, 1986, Shreveport, LA.
7. Family, Infant and Preschool Program, Fourth Annual Forum on Young Children and Their Families, "Establishing partnerships with families in classroom programs," November, 1987, Morganton, NC.Project SUNRISE Training for Excellence Conference, "Training as a function of good supervision," November, 1987, Winston-Salem, NC.
8. Project SUNRISE Training for Excellence Conference, "Taking the state of the art to classroom programs," November, 1987, Winston-Salem, NC.
9. North Carolina Day Care Association, "Making every moment a teaching moment," and "Putting current research into practice," November, 1987, Lake Junaluska, NC.
10. North Carolina Symposium on Early Education of the Handicapped, "Instruction and functional IEP development" and, "Environmental organization and curriculum considerations," February, 1988, Durham, NC.
11. A New Vision: Change in Attitude and Systems for Young Children with Disabilities and Their Families, "Center-Based integration of severely handicapped and nonhandicapped infants, toddlers, and preschoolers," April, 1988, Chapel Hill, NC.
12. Pediatric Research and Training Center Spring Conference, "Supervision as a means of staff development;" "Promoting engagement: Strategies for child success;" "Family Place: A model environment for all children," April, 1988, Danbury, CT.
13. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Conference on PL 99-457, "Outcomes of different types of intervention: Family empowerment and child engagement," May, 1988, Knoxville, TN.
14. Fifth Annual Forum on Young Children and Their Families, "Getting your ducks in a row: How to start a classroom program," May, 1988, Morganton, NC.
15. Second Annual State of the Child in Durham Conference, "Integration of children with special needs . . . Preschool through transition to work," May, 1988, Durham, NC.
16. West Virginia Chapter I Conference, "Family empowerment" (keynote), September, 1988, Pipestem Park, WV.
17. Division for Exceptional Children, NC Department of Public Instruction, 40th Annual Conference on Exceptional Children, "Assuring appropriate curricula for preschool handicapped children," November, 1988, Charlotte, NC.
18. A New Vision: Mainstreaming Preschool Environments ... Making It Happen, "Who decides what and how children should learn?" (plenary session) and "Is your classroom good for children with and without handicaps?" February, 1989, Durham, NC.
19. Project SUNRISE Training for Excellence Institute, "How effective are your interventions? Engagement and other measures," July, 1989, Wilmington, NC.
20. North Carolina Training Institute on Early Education for the Handicapped, State Department of Public Instruction, "The process of planning integrated interventions," February, 1990, Durham, NC.
21. North Carolina Federation, Council for Exceptional Children, Annual Conference, "Preschoolers with handicaps: Are they little special education students?" February, 1990, Research Triangle Park, NC.
22. University of Connecticut Health Center, Annual Early Intervention Conference, "Engagement: Opportunities to promote mastery in toddlers and preschoolers," April, 1990, Cromwell, CT.
23. New Vision Conference on Mainstreaming in Early Intervention, "Enhancing interactions among normally developing and special needs children," April, 1990, Research Triangle Park, NC.
24. Sixth Annual Early Intervention Summer Institute (sponsored by Child Development Resoures and the College of William and Mary), "Changing center-based services: New roles for families and staff" (workshop), August 6, 1991, Williamsburg, VA.
25. 1991 Child Care--We Care Conference (sponsored by Catawba Valley Community College), "Developmentally appropriate practice: What this means to today's child care centers in North Carolina" (keynote address), August 24, 1991, Hickory, NC.
26. North Carolina Division for Early Childhood 2nd Annual Conference, "Integrated vs isolated special services: Preliminary research findings," October 18, 1991, Lake Norman, NC.
27. 43rd Annual Conference on Exceptional Children (sponsored by NC Division of Exceptional Children's Services), "Teachers helping parents to help their children," November 21, 1991, Charlotte, NC.
28. Gulf Coast Conference on Early Intervention, "Research on classroom engagement," June 30, 1992, Point Clear, AL.
29. SUNRISE Summer Institute, "Principles of early intervention" (keynote) and "Integrated services: An application of early intervention principles in classroom programs," August 12, 1993, Hilton Head Island, SC.
30. NC-DEC Annual Conference, "Parents' perceptions of early intervention services in North Carolina: Quantitative and qualitative analyses," October 6, 1993, Greensboro, NC
31. UNC Hospitals Pediatric Grand Rounds, "Early intervention: Process & purpose," October 14, 1993, Chapel Hill, NC.
32. Southeastern Regional DEC/Head Start Conference, "Family-Centered Practices: Beyond the Rhetoric" (keynote), August 7, 1994, Lexington, KY.
33. North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children/Division for Early Childhood Annual Study Conference, "Does therapy carry over to the classroom? How to make early intervention more effective" (with Anita Scarborough), September 23, 1994, Greensboro, NC.
34. Louisiana Early Education Program, “Ecological considerations in instruction,” July 17, 1995, New Orleans, LA.
35. Fourth Annual Parent-to-Parent Conference, “Best practices in preschool and the early grades,” April 17, 1996, Dover, DE.
36. OSEP Research Project Directors’ Meeting, “Writing for Publication” (with Robert Algozzine & Paul Sindelar), July 11, 1996, Washington, DC.
37. TEACCH Winter In-Service, “Working Together in the Classroom” (keynote), February 12, 1997, Chapel Hill, NC.
38. Second Annual Alabama Conference on Inclusion, “Inclusion for Children Birth to Five and Their Families,” May 1, 1997, Montgomery, AL.
39. New Jersey Early Intervention Coalition, “Putting Interventions in Their Place—Where Families and Children Can Use ‘Em” (keynote), May 30, 1997, Iselin, NJ.
40. OSEP Research Project Directors’ Meeting, “Writing for Publication” (with Paul Sindelar & Vivian Correa), July 17, 1997, Washington, DC.
41. OSEP Research Project Directors’ Meeting, “Conceptualizing and Measuring the Effect of Research on Practice” (moderator), July 17, 1997, Washington, DC.
42. North Carolina Area Program Conference for Early Intervention Staff, “Integrated Therapies,” September 11, 1997, New Bern, NC.
43. New York University RAP Disabilities Services Conference for Region II, “Family-Centered Planning: A Routines-Based Intervention,” September 24, 1997, New York, NY.
44. Pennsylvania State and Local Interagency Coordinating Council Conference, “Community Involvement/Family-Centered Planning” (keynote), October 28, 1997, State College, PA.
45. Integrated Therapies Conference for School-Based Therapy Teams, “”Rethinking Pull-Out Services” (keynote), February 26, 1998, Indianapolis, IN.
46. First Annual Preschool Retreat, NC Schools for the Deaf, “Family-Centered Practices,” March 3, 1998, Brown’s Summit, NC.
47. Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, “The Rules: Family-Centered Practices in Different Early Intervention Service Delivery Models,” April 16, 1998, Minneapolis, MN.
48. Southwest Virginia Regional Coordinating Councils 7th Annual New Horizons: Parents and Professionals as partners Conference, “Collaborative and Consultative Models: No More Beating About the Bush” (keynote and follow-up session), May 14, 1998, Bristol, VA.
49. National Institute on Early Childhood Development and Education (OERI), 1998 Project Directors’ Meeting, “Engagement as an Outcome of Program Quality” (poster), June 10, 1998, Washington, DC.
50. OSEP Research Project Directors’ Meeting, “Writing for Publication” (with Bob Algozzine & Judy Carta), July 18, 1998, Washington, DC.
51. Research to Practice Summit on Inclusion in the Early Years (NECTAS & OERI), “Intervention Strategies in Group Settings” (session leader; with Joan Lieber & Mary Beth Bruder), July 30, 1998, Washington, DC.
52. Research to Practice Summit on Inclusion in the Early Years (NECTAS & OERI), “Early Elementary” (with Mark Wolery & Marci Hanson), July 31, 1998, Washington, DC.
53. ECI Regional Conference (Region IV Education Service Center), “Family-Based Practices,” August 26-27, 1998, Houston, TX.
54. Georgia Association on Young Children 32nd Annual Conference, “Natural Environments: Interventions Where They Count” (featured speaker), “The Rules: Family-Centered Practices in Different Early Intervention Service Delivery Models,” October 9, 1998, Atlanta, GA.
55. Promising Practices in Early Childhood Inclusion (Partnerships for Inclusion), “Promoting Engagement,” November 6, 1998, Durham, NC.
56. 14th Annual DEC International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, “Child engagement” (with Judith Carta; research roundtable). December 7, 1998, Chicago, IL.
57. McWilliam, R. A. (1999, March). Key aspects of most natural environments. Presentation at teleconference on natural environments in North Carolina, Raleigh, NC.
58. McWilliam, R. A. (1999, May). *Family-centered intervention in the natural environment.* Workshop presented at the 1999 Early Childhood Intervention Annual Statewide Conference, Austin, TX.
59. McWilliam, R. A., Miller, M., Stahmer, D., Welham, R., & Suarez-Moss, C. (1999, May). *One ECI program’s experiences with family-centered practices.* Paper presented at the 1999 Early Childhood Intervention Annual Statewide Conference, Austin, TX.
60. McWilliam, R. A. (1999, May). *Quality indicators in early intervention.* Paper presented at the 1999 Early Childhood Intervention Annual Statewide Conference, Austin, TX.
61. McWilliam, R. A. (1999, August). *Home visiting ain't what it used to be.* Workshop presented at the 1999 Early Intervention Summer Institute, Collegeville, MN.
62. McWilliam, R. A. (1999, August). *The four linchpins of natural environments.* Workshop presented at the Babies Can't Wait Natural Environments Conference, Atlanta, GA.
63. McWilliam, R. A. (1999, November). (1) *Having friends over: Moving therapy services to a consultative model*, (2) *Eating out: Implementing services in nautral settings (for administrators),* (3) *At the grocery store: Becoming comprehensive when without therapy resources*. Papers presented at the 1999 Alabama Early Intervention and Preschool Conference, Huntsville, AL.
64. McWilliam, R. A., Mayhew, L., & Scott, S. (1999, December). *Interdisciplinary service models–Making sure therapies make sense.* Preconference workshop: Recommended practices. 15th Annual Division for Early Childhood International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, Washington, DC.
65. Ostrosky, M. M., & McWilliam, R. A. (1999, December). *Getting published in* JEI *and* YEC*.* Crackerbarrel session at the 15th Annual Division for Early Childhood International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, Washington, DC.
66. McWilliam, R. A. (2000, February). *Therapy, Special Instruction, and Service Coordination as* Support *in Natural Environments.* Workshop presented at the Louisiana Superconference on Early Intervention, Baton Rouge, LA.
67. McWilliam, R. A. (2000, March). *Naturalistic intervention is more than a location issue.* Paper presented at the Kansas Division for Early Childhood Interdisciplinary Conference, Wichita, KS.
68. McWilliam, R. A. (2000, May). *Family-centered intervention in the natural environment.* Workshop presented at the Texas Early Childhood Intervention Annual Statewide Conference, Austin, TX.
69. McWilliam, R. A., & McWilliam, P. J. (2000, September). *Family-centered services: Involving families in planning.* Paper presented at the Research to Policy Institute, Partnerships for Inclusion, Chapel Hill, NC.
70. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, February). *Report of the findings of the NEILS study.* Paper presented at the 2001 Office of Special Education Programs Personnel Preparation Project Directors' Conference, Washington, DC.
71. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, May). *Follow-up to routines-based assessment.* Paper presented at the Annual ECI Conference, Austin, TX.
72. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, May). *Home visiting.* Paper presented at the Annual ECI Conference, Austin, TX.
73. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, June). *Early intervention in natural environments.* Keynote address to the Annual Early Intervention Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico
74. Danielson, L., Hanley, T., McWilliam, R. A., & Harris, K. (2001, July). *Reviewing the review: Current efforts to improve the OSEP grant review process.* 2001 OSEP Research Project Directors' Conference, Washington, DC.
75. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, August). *Integrated therapies and instruction in preschool classrooms.* The Second National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute (sponsored by NECTAS), Chapel Hill, NC.
76. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, August). *Making change happen: Beyond a book title.* Plenary address at the Second National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute (sponsored by NECTAS), Chapel Hill, NC.
77. McWilliam, R. A. & Bruder, M. E. (2001, October). *Natural environments are both less and more complicated than we thought.* Plenary session at the 10th Annual Early Childhood Institute (sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education Early Childhood Initiatives), Vail, CO.
78. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, October). *Getting to know families and their priorities/demonstration* and *Integrating services into home-based routines*. 10th Annual Early Childhood Institute (sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education Early Childhood Initiatives), Vail, CO.
79. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, December). *Publishing your dissertation.* Paper presented at the 17th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Boston, MA.
80. Santos, R. M., Ostrosky, M., Rule, S., McWilliam, R. A., & Horn, E. (2001, December). *Addressing culture and language in research: Challenges and strategies in publishing research.* Crackerbarrel session at the 17th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Boston, MA.
81. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, April). Grown-ups talk to each other: Assessment and natural-environments intervention. Workshop presented at the 21st Annual ECI Statewide Conference, Dallas, TX.
82. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, May). *Putting interventions where they matter*. Keynote address presented at the Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Program Spring Statewide Meeting, Orlando, FL.
83. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, May). (a) Round-table discussion session and (b) *The routines-based interview*. Breakout sessions presented at the Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Program Spring Statewide Meeting, Orlando, FL.
84. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, May). *Problems with dumping a clinic-based model on the living room floor.* Keynote address presented at the 11th Annual New Horizons Conference sponsored by the Southwest Virginia Regional Coordinating Councils, Abingdon, VA.
85. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, May). *The primary service provider model and implications for home visits.* Paper presented at the 11th Annual New Horizons Conference sponsored by the Southwest Virginia Regional Coordinating Councils, Abingdon, VA.
86. McWilliam, R. A., & Scott, S. M. (2002, July). *Individualizing inclusion in child care*. Paper presented at the NECTAC Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill, NC.
87. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, July). *The full circle of natural environments and inclusion: Infants, toddlers, and families.* Keynote address to the NECTAC Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill, NC.
88. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, July). *Integrated therapies and instruction in preschool classroom.* Paper presented at the NECTAC Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill, NC.
89. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, October). *Good things start with a functional assessment of the family’s routines* and *The primary-service-provider model for providing services in natural environments*. Papers presented at the Colorado Early Childhood Institute, Vail, CO.
90. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, November). *Three innovative evidence-based practices for individualizing inclusion.* Paper presented at the OSEP National Early Childhood Meeting, Washington, DC.
91. McWilliam, R. A., & Peterson, C. (2002, November). *The quality of home visits.* Paper presented at the OSEP National Early Childhood Meeting, Washington, DC.
92. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, November). *It’s what happens between sessions that matters.* Keynote presentation at the Early Childhood Center’s Conference on Inclusive Services in Early Childhood, Carmel, IN.
93. McWilliam R. A. (2002, November). *The power of naturalistic intervention.* Paper presented at the Early Childhood Center’s Conference on Inclusive Services in Early Childhood, Carmel, IN.
94. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, December). *Knowing that “this is not good.”* Keynote presentation at the 18th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, San Diego, CA.
95. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, December). *From dissertation to publication.* Paper presented at the 18th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, San Diego, CA.
96. McWilliam, R. A. (2003, May). *The McWilliam model for providing services in natural environments.* Keynote address at the Early On (Michigan Part C) Annual Conference, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
97. McWilliam, R. A. (2003, May). *The routines-based interview* and *Support-based home visits*. Papers presented at the Early On (Michigan Part C) Annual Conference, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
98. McWilliam, R. A. (2003, June). *Family support as intervention.* Presentation at Grand Rounds jointly sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development and the Center for Child Development (Pediatrics), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
99. Odom, S., Buysse, V., McWilliam, R. A., & Sainato, D. (2003, July). *Critical issues in early intervention/early childhood special education research.* Paper presented at the 2003 OSEP Research Project Directors’ Conference, Washington, DC.
100. Danielson, L. (replaced by Hanley, T.), McWilliam, R. A., & Harris, K. (2003, July). *NAS workshop on peer review.* Paper presented at the 2003 OSEP Research Project Directors’ Conference, Washington, DC.
101. McWilliam, R. A. (2003, August). *Setting the stage: Rethinking natural environments.* Keynote address at Minnesota’s Early Intervention Summer Institute. Collegeville, MN.
102. McWilliam, R. A. (2003, August). *The routines-based interview.* Paper presented at Minnesota’s Early Intervention Summer Institute. Collegeville, MN.
103. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, January). *The routines-based interview.* Workshop presented at the Michigan Collaborative Early Childhood Conference, Dearborn, MI.
104. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, March). *Preparing for kindergarten.* Panel presentation at the Mayor’s Summit on Early Childhood and Education, Nashville, TN.
105. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, March). *Facilitating collaboration between general and special education services providers.* Plenary session at the Administration on Children and Youth Forum on Inclusion, Washington, DC.
106. McWilliam, R. A., & Atkins-Burnett, S. (2004, March). *Personnel preparation for inclusive preschool education.* Paper presented at the OSEP Personnel Preparation Project Directors’ Meeting, Washington, DC.
107. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, March). *Increasing sophisticated participation by children with disabilities: Scheduling, responsive teaching and engagement*. Paper presented at the Contemporary Forums Conference on the Young Child With Special Needs, Nashville, TN.
108. McWilliam, R. A., Clingenpeel, B., & Uhl, A. (2004, April). *Individualizing preschool inclusion.* Preconference workshop at the International Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children, New Orleans, LA.
109. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, April). *Educational perspectives on children with disabilities.* Consortium on Child Psychiatry, Nashville, TN.
110. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, April). *The five key elements of providing early intervention in natural environments.* Keynote address presented at the Mississippi Early Intervention Conference, Hattiesburg, MS.
111. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, April). *Giving families a chance to talk so they can plan.* Workshop presented at the Mississippi Early Intervention Conference, Hattiesburg, MS.
112. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, June). *Fostering critical areas of development for successful child functioning.* Presentation to Metro Schools counselors, Nashville, TN.
113. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, August). *Early Steps: Not just a new name and look but a new service delivery system.* Videoconferenced statewide address, August 5, 2004, Tallahassee, FL
114. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, August). *Integrated specialized services: Therapists and ECSEs work in classroom routines*; *The routines-based interview: Functional intervention planning with families and teachers; Embedded intervention: What teachers do when specialists aren’t around; Update session with project partners.*  Papers presented at the Fourth National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute, August 9, 2004, Chapel Hill, NC.
115. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, August). *A support framework for effective home visits*. Keynote address presented at the Kentucky Early Intervention Conference, Owensboro, KY.
116. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, October). *What do we really want? New outcomes that work for all children.* Paper presented at the Tennessee Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Nashville, TN.
117. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, November). *Engagement: A focus for functional early intervention.* Workshop presented at the 2004 Early Intervention Institute, sponsored by Southwest Human Development, Phoenix, AZ.
118. McWilliam, R. A. (2004, November). *Addressing communication goals during daily routines in early childhood classrooms.* Paper presented at Fired Up! For Down Syndrome: A Statewide Conference, Franklin, TN.
119. McWilliam, R. A., & Casey, A. M. (2004, December). *More is not always better: Research Findings.* Paper presented at the International Conference on Early Childhood, sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children, Chicago, IL.
120. Casey, A. M., & McWilliam, R. A. (2004, December). *Beyond environmental assessments: Creating high quality preschools by focusing on child engagement.* Paper presented at the International Conference on Early Childhood, sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children, Chicago, IL.
121. Snyder, P., & McWilliam, R.A. (2006, February). *Use of parallel analysis to inform extraction decisions in factor analysis: Applicationwith the Children’s Engagement Questionnaire.* Poster presented at the Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention, San Diego, CA.
122. McWilliam, R. A. (2005, July). *Children with disabilities can be successfully included: three key practices.* Keynote address at the Statewide Conference on Individualizing Inclusion, Jamestown, NJ.
123. McWilliam, R. A. (2005, August). *The Routines-Based Interview.* Fifth Conference on Preschool Inclusion, Chapel Hill, NC.
124. McWilliam, R. A. (2005, November). *Why integrated therapies and itinerant early childhood special education? Myths, strategies, and Documentation.* 55th Conference on Exceptional Children, sponsored by the Public Schools of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC.
125. McWilliam, R. A. (2006, November). *Returning to the purpose of early intervention: Enhancing natural learning opportunities.* Help Me Grow (OH Part C Program) Leadership Institute, Dublin, OH.
126. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, February). *Returning to the purpose of early intervention: Enhancing natural learning opportunities.* North Dakota Part C Program, Grand Forks, ND*.*
127. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, February). *Natural environments and inclusion.* Connecticut Part C and 619 Programs, Cromwell, CT.
128. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, April). (1) *Routines-based interview for functional assessment and outcome selection, (2) Writing functional individual family service plan outcomes, (3) The transdisciplinary approach, (4) Support-based home visits*. 2007 Indiana Early Childhood Conference (Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children), Indianapolis, IN.
129. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, May). *(1) Developing and using functional family and child goals, (2) Functional goals.* Tennessee’s Early Intervention Conference, Montgomery Bell State Park, TN.
130. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, May). *Challenges in bringing early intervention into family routines.* Town Hall Meeting, NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development, New York, NY.
131. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, May). *A routines-based approach to partnering with families.* Plenary address, Ninth Conference at New York University, Steinhardt School, New York, NY.
132. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, July). *The RBI: Functional intervention planning with families and teachers.* Inclusion Institute (Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, UNC), Chapel Hill, NC.
133. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, August). *Individualizing preschool inclusion: Working with families to gather information and provide appropriate services.* 2007 CESA Summer Institute, Altoona, WI.
134. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, September). *A functional, family-centered process for IFSP development and service delivery: Five components.* Connecticut Birth to Three System, Cromwell, CT.
135. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, October). *Returning to the purpose of early intervention: Enhancing natural learning opportunities.* Part C Program, North Dakota Department of Human Services, Bismarck, ND.
136. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, December). *Effective early intervention.* Minnesota Part C Program. Minneapolis, MN.
137. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, December). *Promoting child engagement in early childhood special education.* Early Childhood Education Initiative, Cromwell, CT.
138. McWilliam, R. A. (2008, May 22). *Working with families not too much, not too little.* Keynote presentation. *Integration through consultation in service provision.* Paper presented at the 2008 South Carolina Early Intervention Conference for Families and Providers, Winnsboro, SC.
139. McWilliam, R. A. (2008, July). *Early intervention in childcare settings* and *Routines-based interventions*. Papers presented at the Southeastern Meeting of the American Association of Home-Based Early Interventionists, Norcross, GA.
140. McWilliam, R. A. (2008, July 22). *Supporting toddler and preschool inclusion in the four contexts of teaching.* Paper presented at the Eighth National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill, NC.
141. McWilliam, R. A. (2008, July). *Routines-based interventions.* Texas Early Intervention Training Institute, Austin, TX.
142. McWilliam, R. A. (2008, August). *The 11 principles of behavior management.* Plenary session for the annual meeting of the Nashville Association for the Education of Young Children, Nashville, TN.
143. McWilliam, R. A. (2008, December). *Why We Should Apologize for Too Much Early Intervention Service.* Paper presented at the TASH Conference, Nashville, TN.
144. McWilliam, R. A. (2009, April). *The 5-Component Model for Early Intervention in Natural Environments.* A workshop for Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State, Albany, NY.
145. McWilliam, R. A. (2009, August). *The Foundations of Learning.* Presentation to Early Childhood Leadership Academy, Chattanooga, TN.
146. Bricker, D., McWilliam, R. A., & Odom, S. L. (2010, February). *Part C—What is happening to early intervention?* Panel at the Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention (CRIEI 2010), San Diego, CA.
147. McWilliam, R. A., Odom, S. L., Okagaki, L., & Danielson, L. (2010, April). *The future of special education research funding.* Town hall moderated at the Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo, Nashville, TN.
148. McWilliam, R. A. (2010, May). *Engagement of every child in the toddler or preschool classroom.* Paper presented twice at the Tenth National Inclusion Institute, hosted by the FPG Child Development Institute and the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, Chapel Hill, NC.
149. McWilliam, R. A. (2010, May). *Supporting infant-toddler caregivers in using effective inclusion practices.* Paper presented at the Tenth National Inclusion Institute, hosted by the FPG Child Development Institute and the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, Chapel Hill, NC.
150. McWilliam, R. A. (2010, October).  *Pay attention to engagement in young children* and *systematic incidental teaching as a behavioral approach to developmentally appropriate preschool instruction.* Sessions for Utah’s Early Childhood Special Education Conference organized  by the Utah State Office of Education. Salt Lake City, Utah.
151. McWilliam, R. A. (2011, February). *Grown-ups getting organized to teach preschoolers effectively.*  Conference on Inclusive Education. Session for and organized by the The PEAK Parent Center. Denver, Colorado.
152. McWilliam, R. A. (2011, February). *Engaging every child in community-based and center-based settings.*  ResultsMatter Institute.  Session organized and sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. LaVista, Nebraska.
153. McWilliam, R. A. (2011, March). *The three foundations of learning for all children*, opening keynote; *Is there a role for direct instruction in early childhood?* Paper. *Hair stylists, massage therapists, early-childhood educators, even doctors sometimes… What do they have in common?* Paper. Presented at the Child Engagement Conference, Chattanooga, TN.
154. McWilliam, R. A. (2011, May). *Systematic incidental teaching by families and teachers: Beefing up instruction in everyday routines.* Paper presented at the Eleventh National Inclusion Institute, hosted by the FPG Child Development Institute and the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, Chapel Hill, NC.
155. McWilliam, R. A. (2011, August). *Systematic incidental teaching by families and teachers: Beefing up instruction in everyday routines.* Session for and organized by the Family Literacy and Involvement Program through Cumberland County Schools Federal Programs/PreK Department. Fayetteville, NC.
156. McWilliam, R. A. (2011, August). *Sustaining a system of teams using the RBI.* Session for and organized by the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Jefferson City, Missouri.
157. McWilliam, R. A. (2011, September).  *Identifying quality practices for program improvement.*  Keynote address at the Measuring & Improving Child and Family Outcomes Conference. Session for and organized by National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC). New Orleans, LA.
158. McWilliam, R. A. (2012, May). *It's a family affair:  Support families to improve child outcomes.*  Session for and organized by The State of Washington Department of Early Learning:  Infant and Early Childhood Conference. Tacoma, Washington.
159. McWilliam, R. A., (2012, May). (1) *Making inclusion for toddlers and preschoolers individualized, instructional and inspirational;* (2) *Latest news:  Preschoolers are not orphans!  They have families;* and(3) *It's getting better all the time: Look at practice quality*.  Presentation at the Inclusion Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
160. McWilliam, R. A. (2012, May). *Early intervention therapy: How children learn and how early intervention services work.* Presentations organized by ECI, Billings, MT.
161. McWilliam, R. A. (2012, June). *Ten secrets to successful inclusion of children birth to five.* Presentation at the Tennessee Early Childhood Summit. Nashville, TN.
162. McWilliam, R. A. (2012, October). *Routines-based early intervention based on child engagement and family priorities.* Presented in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Family, Infant and Preschool Program, Iverson Riddle Developmental Center. Morganton, NC.
163. McWilliam, R. A., & Younggren, N. (2012, October). *Child functioning in routines as information for child outcomes reporting.* Paper presented at the Measuring and Improving Child and Family Outcomes Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
164. McWilliam, R. A., Headrick, M., Munson, D., Thomas, P., Kinavey, E., & Bainter, S. (2012, October). *Porgressive directions states have been charting in Part C.* Presentation at the DEC Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
165. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, February). *Latest news: Young children are not orphans! They have families; Systematic incidental teaching;* and *Routines-based early intervention*. Keynote and sessions at the Kansas Division for Early Childhood Conference, Wichita, KS.
166. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, February). *Home visiting.* Early Childhood Intervention, Billings, MT.
167. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, May). *If you want personnel to do the right thing, train them through checklists.* Presentation at the Inclusion Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
168. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, May). *Manny on Routines-Based Early Intervention with the modern family.* Presentation for Massachusetts early intervention, Marlborough, MA.
169. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, August). *Implementing the Routines-Based Early Intervention model.* Statewide presentation, Helena, MT.
170. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, August). *Taking a routines-based approach with classroom-based young children with disabilities.* Lincoln Public Schools, NE.
171. McWilliam, R. A., Brown, C., Studt, W., & Bunnell, A. (2013, September). *Long-term implementation of the Routines-Based Early Intervention model.* Presentation at the Improving Outcomes meeting, Washington, DC.
172. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, October). *Understanding professionals and their roles; Working with families;* and *Embedding outcomes into instruction.* Plenary presentations at the 6th Annual Early Intervention Conference sponsored by East Carolina University and the NC Developmental Disabilties Council, Greenville, NC.
173. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, October). *Falling in love in IFPS development.* Presconference workshop. DEC Conference, San Francisco, CA.
174. McWilliam, R. A. (2013, October). *High quality now for success tomorrow* and *A routines-based approach for developing IFSPs and IEPs.* Keynote and session at the Maryland Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services Fall Leadership Conference, Ocean City, MD.
175. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, January). *Past, present, and future of early intervention.* Tammy Lynn Center, Raleigh, NC.
176. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, March). *Engagement Classroom Model.* Statewide presentation. Denver, CO.
177. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, March). *How the RBI, functional goals, and effective home visits all fit together.* Presentation at 2nd Annual Early Intervention Resource Agency Conference, Murfreesboro, TN.
178. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, May). *I know we need to improve 619 services, but where do I start? Assessing functional needs to develop meaningful IEP goals,* and *Functional skills in classroom routines.* Presentations at the Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill, NC.
179. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, June). *Routines-based early intervention.* Plenary address to Early On Center for Higher Education Faculty Colloquium, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI.
180. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, June). *Unified model of early intervention: Essential early intervention practices.* Wayne RESA and Detroit Public Schools, Detroit, MI.
181. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, June). *Measuring and analyzing child outcomes for early intervention/early childhood special education.* Lincoln, NE.
182. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, August). *Implementing evidence-based practices for preschoolers with disabilities: Program quality and early childhood inclusion.* Colorado Dept. of Education, Denver, CO.
183. McWilliam, .R. A. (2014, September). *How states can improve quality to improve outcomes.* Improving Data, Improving Outcomes Conference, New Orleans, LA.
184. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, September). *Implementing the Routines-Based Model through itinerant and consultative services.* Multnomah County Early Childhood Program, Portland, OR.
185. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, October). *Kick off implementation of the RBEI model*. Statewide presentation, Brewer, ME.
186. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, November). *National perspectives on early intervention/early childhood special education.* Maryland Division of Special Education Annual Leadership Conference, Ocean City, MD.
187. McWilliam, R. A. (2015, March). *Fun, functionality, and families.* Presentation at the 21st Annual Inclusion Conference (Delaware), Dover, DE.

Papers/Presentations Submitted and Presented

International

1. McWilliam, R. A. (1999). Journal of Early Intervention *reviewer guidelines*. Part of minicourse on “All About Publishing From Editors’ Perspectives: Basic Skills for Hopeful Authors,” at the American Educational Research Association international meeting, Montreal, Canada, April 19, 1999.
2. de Kruif, R. E. L., McWilliam, R. A., & Wakely, M. B. (April, 1999). *Classification of teaching styles in early childhood classrooms*. Roundtable at the American Educational Research Association international meeting, Montreal, Canada, April 21, 1999.
3. Raspa, M. J., & McWilliam, R. A. (2000, April). *If you want kids to develop, get them engaged.* Paper presented at the Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Vancouver, BC.
4. McWilliam, R. A. (2000, April). *Preparing young children for kindergarten.* Paper presented at the Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Vancouver, BC.
5. McWilliam, R. A., & Er, M. (2003, September). *A model for using natural environments: International applications?* Poster presented at the meeting of the International Society for Early Intervention, Rome, Italy.
6. McWilliam, R. A., de Kruif, R. E. L., & Bairrão, J. (2003, September). *Child engagement: A useful and overlooked domain.* Paper presented at the meeting of the International Society for Early Intervention, Rome, Italy.
7. de Kruif, R. E. L., & McWilliam, R. A. (2003, September). *Improving teacher-child interactions with the Teaching Styles Rating Scale.* Paper presented at the meeting of the International Society for Early Intervention, Rome, Italy.
8. McWilliam, R. A. (2008, July). *Engagement as an outcome for young children with or without disabilities: Twenty-three years of inquiry.* Paper presented at the 4th Global Conference on Creative Engagements Thinking with Children, Oxford, UK.
9. Boavida, T., McWilliam, R. A., & Aguiar, C. (2011, May). *Using RBI and ICF in concert to improve early intervention services.* Paper presented at the Third Conference of the International Society of Early Intervention, New York, NY, USA.
10. Boavida, T., Aguiar, C., McWilliam, R. A., & Pimentel, J. (2011, May). *Individualized education program goals quality in the context of a new special education law in Portugal.* Poster presented at the Third Conference of the International Society of Early Intervention, New York, NY, USA.

USA

1. HCEEP Rural Network, Appalachian Region, "Parent cooperative preschools: A model for support in rural intervention services," November, 1984, Kingsport, TN.
2. North Carolina Association for Infants and Families, "Engagement as an alternative child measure: Methods and outcomes," November, 1984, Charlotte, NC.
3. North Carolina Association for Infants and Families, "The transdisciplinary service delivery model: Rationale and staff development needs," November, 1984, Charlotte, NC.
4. American Association on Mental Deficiency, NC Chapter, "Model demonstration programs for mentally retarded children and their families," November, 1984, Greenville, NC.
5. National Center for Clinical Infant Programs Conference, "Parent empowerment and family support," December, 1984, Washington, DC.
6. North Carolina Association for Infants and Families, "Functional evaluation for intervention: The SUNRISE assessment and program plan," May, 1985, Winston-Salem, NC.
7. Young Adult Institute Conference, "Strengthening families today for success tomorrow: The Family, Infant and Preschool Program," May, 1986, New York, NY.
8. Young Adult Institute Conference, "Preschool assessment of the classroom environment: A family-strengthening exercise," May, 1986, New York, NY.
9. Association for Behavior Analysis Twelfth Annual Convention, "Behavioral engagement as a measure of the efficacy of early intervention," May, 1986, Milwaukee, WI.
10. Family Resource Coalition National Conference, "Operating parent cooperative preschools to assist special needs families," May, 1986, Chicago, IL.
11. International Conference for Infant Mental Health, "Creating optimal center-based environments for infant education," May, 1986, Chicago, IL.
12. CEC/DEC National Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, "Mediational teaching: A successful approach to teaching handicapped preschoolers in group settings," October, 1986, Louisville, KY.
13. North Carolina Association for Infants and Families, Fourth Annual Conference, "Responsive environments for infants," October, 1986, Greenville, NC.
14. North Carolina Association for Infants and Families, Fourth Annual Conference, "Teaching on the crawl: The use of incidental teaching with infants," October, 1986, Greenville, NC.
15. Western Carolina Center, Sam O. Cornwell Lecture Series, "Child-level intervention strategies," November, 1986, Morganton, NC.
16. Seventh Annual National Rural Special Education Conference, "Classroom-based inservice training: From assessing staff needs to evaluating their performance," November, 1987, Asheville, NC.
17. Council for Exceptional Children 65th conference, "Striving for excellence: Best management practices," November, 1987, Chicago, IL.
18. Council for Exceptional Children 65th Conference, "Practical strategies for parent involvement and teacher improvement," November, 1987, Chicago, IL.
19. Texas Early Childhood Intervention Conference, "How to implement best center-based practices: Implications for staff training," November, 1987, Austin, TX.
20. Appalachian Early Intervention Network, "Training for success in center-based programs: Checklists and prompt cards," November, 1987, Johnston City, TN.
21. Division for Early Childhood, National Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, "Training classroom aides: Performance checklists for observation and feedback," November, 1987, Denver, CO.
22. Division for Early Childhood, National Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, "Partnerships with parents: Assessing children's performance through parent-staff partnerships," November, 1987, Denver, CO.
23. Project SUNRISE Training for Excellence Institute, "A continuum of responsive teaching strategies," August, 1988, Hilton Head Island, SC.
24. North Carolina Association for Infants and Families, "Meaningful participation by parents of children with disabilities in the intervention planning process" (with P. J. Cushing), October, 1988, Hendersonville, NC.
25. Division for Early Childhood, Council for Exceptional Children, International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, "Effecting teacher change through hands-on training," November, 1988, Nashville, TN.
26. Division for Early Childhood (CEC), International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, "Evaluating in-service education in early intervention: Issues and alternatives" (with D. B. Bailey, S. Geissinger, P. J. McWilliam, & R. J. Simeonsson), October, 1989, Minneapolis, MN.
27. Divison for Early Childhood (CEC), International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, "Same-age versus mixed-age groupings in mainstream programs" (with D. B. Bailey, P. M. Blasco, & I. Lund), October 1989, Minneapolis, MN.
28. Southeastern Regional DEC Conference, "Engagement and mastery: Theory, research, and application," July, 1990, Atlanta, GA.
29. 1990 Child Care Conference, North Carolina Day Care Association, Keynote Address: "Strengthening individual children in group settings" and Seminar: "Kids on the fringe," September, 1990, Charlotte, NC.
30. Community Forum on Mainstreaming Preschool Children, "Overview of Public Law 99-457," December, 1990, Burlington, NC.
31. Council for Exceptional Children Conference, "How toddlers and preschoolers spend their time: Strategies for increasing levels and quality of engagement," April, 1991, Atlanta, GA.
32. Gatlinburg Conference on Research and Theory in Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, "Effects of same-age versus mixed-age grouping on toddlers and preschoolers with and without developmental disabilities," May, 1991, Key Biscayne, FL.
33. American Association on Mental Retardation Conference, "Context-integrated special services in early intervention: How is it different from pull-out?" (poster), May, 1991, Washington, DC.
34. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "Research issues in comparing in-class and out-of-class special services for young children with disabilities" (with D. B. Bailey & M. Vandermaas), November 16, 1991, St. Louis, MO.
35. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, "Service delivery for birth-5: Pull-out or in class?" (miniseminar; with J. E. Roberts, B. Prizant, & L. Gates), November 24, 1991, Atlanta, GA.
36. 70th Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, "A comparison of in-class and out-of-class special services for young children with disabilities" (with Phyllis Hoffman), April, 14, 1992, Baltimore, MD.
37. American Educational Research Association Conference  
    (a) "The effects of activity structure and age mixture on child engagement" (poster with Donald B. Bailey, Jr.), April 21, 1992,   
    (b) "Follow-up options after using generalizability theory in multivariate observational research," (roundtable with Donald B. Bailey, Jr.), April 23, 1992, San Francisco, CA.
38. North Carolina Division for Early Childhood 3rd Annual Conference, "Consultant and teacher roles in early intervention" (with Amelia Spencer), October 8, 1992, Greensboro, NC.
39. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "From integrated to pull-out services: Practices and perceptions of four disciplines" (with Don Bailey), December 4, 1992, Washington, DC.
40. North Carolina Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children, Early Childhood Strand (Chair), "Integrated Services Symposium" (Moderator), "Findings from Two Years of Research at the Frank Porter Graham Child Care Program," "Single-Subject Studies" (with J. E. Roberts & K. A. Grabowski), "National Survey of Four Disciplines" (with K. Applequist), "Service Delivery Models," February 5, 1993, Greensboro, NC.
41. Collaborative Early Intervention Conference, "Family-Centered Intervention Planning," April 7-8, 1993, Winston-Salem, NC
42. American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Develomental Medicine, "Patterns of therapy and instruction in early intervention: What predicts pull-out services?" October 7, 1993, Nashville, TN.
43. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention, "Factors influencing center-based speech-language services in early intervention (with J. E. Roberts), 1993.
44. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "New broad-based measures in research: Focus on engagement" (with Stephen Lawson & Pat Snyder), December 13, 1993, San Diego, CA.
45. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "Practitioners' perceptions of typical and ideal practices" (poster with Karen Applequist), December 13-14, 1993, San Diego, CA.
46. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "A comparison of in-class and out-of-class instruction" (poster with Katherine Grabowski), December 13-14, 1993, San Diego, CA.
47. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "Integrated vs. pull-out speech-language services in early intervention: A mixed-method study" (poster with Amelia Spencer), December 13-14, 1993, San Diego, CA.
48. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "A structure for meaningful participation by families in intervention planning" (postconference workshop), December 15, 1993, San Diego, CA.
49. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "Integrated therapy/instruction: Synthesis of Four Years of Research," October 9, 1994, St. Louis, MO.
50. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), "How to write quality IFSPs: Creating functional, family-centered documents" (Poster with Ardith Ferguson, Pat Vandiviere, & Patricia Porter), October 8, 1994, St. Louis, MO.
51. American Educational Research Association, "Measurement of family-centeredness in early intervention" (Paper presented with Patricia Snyder & Sarintha Stricklin), April 18, 1995, San Francisco, CA.
52. American Educational Research Association, "Dependability and factorial validity of the Children's Engagement Questionnaire: A broad-based child status measure for early intervention.” (Paper presented with Patricia A. Snyder & Stephen Lawson), April 22, 1995, San Francisco, CA.
53. Zero to Three 10th National Training Institute, “Disturbing and reassuring views from the living-room floor in nine communities” (Poster presented with Gloria Harbin, Lynn Tocci, & Ardith Ferguson), December 2, 1995, Atlanta, GA.
54. Zero to Three 10th National Training Institute, “Evaluation of family-centered, coordinated Part H services in North Carolina” (Poster presented with Gloria Harbin), December 2, 1995, Atlanta, GA.
55. Zero to Three 10th National Training Institute, “Front-line view of early intervention service in nine communities” (Poster presented with Lynn Tocci & Gloria Harbin), December 2, 1995, Atlanta, GA.
56. Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention, “Facilitating Effective Integrated Therapy.” (Paper presented with Steven F. Warren & Eva Horn), April 4, 1996, Orlando, FL.
57. McWilliam, R. A., Harbin, G. L., Tocci, L., & Sideris, J. (1996). *Large-sample case studies: The best of both worlds.* Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY (April 10, 1996).
58. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, “Family-Centered: What It Means, Who It’s For, How It’s Measured” (paper presented with Patricia Snyder and David Sexton), April 12, 1996, New York, NY.
59. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), “Integrated Therapy: Strategies for Therapists, Teachers, Families, and Administrators,” December 9, 1996, Phoenix, AZ.
60. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), “Beyond the Toy Bag: Revelations of Family-Centered Practices,” December 10, 1996, Phoenix, AZ.
61. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), “Findings of the Early Childhood Follow-Through Research Institute” (paper presented with Mark Wolery, Donald B. Bailey, Kelly Maxwell, Carl J. Dunst, Margaret G. Werts, Carol M. Trivette, John Schuster, Mary Louise Hemmeter, & Melinda Ault), December 10, 1996, Phoenix, AZ.
62. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), “Developmental and Disability Effects on Global and Observed Engagement” (poster), December 9, 1996, Phoenix, AZ.
63. Women and Power Conference (sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University Women’s Studies), “Bonding Among Women Athletes: Findings and Implications,” February 22, 1997, Murfreesboro, TN.
64. Gatlinburg Conference on Research and Theory in Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, “Case Study Interpretations of Family-Service Provider Relationships in Early Intervention” (poster), March 12, 1997, Riverside, CA.
65. North Carolina Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children 10th Annual Conference, “Innovations for Working With Elementary School Students With Disabilities and Their Families” (with Kelly Maxwell & Syndee Kraus), March 21, 1997, Raleigh, NC.
66. American Educational Research Association, “Femininity, Competitiveness, and Bonding in College Women: Field Hockey Players as Emblematic Cases” (roundtable presentation), March 28, 1997, Chicago, IL.
67. North Carolina Speech, Hearing and Language Association Convention, “Therapy Services in Early Intervention: Current Status, Barriers, and Recommendations” (with Vickie Dieter & Kathleen Davis), April 3, 1997, Research Triangle Park, NC.
68. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), “Different ‘Teaching’—Different Engagement,” November 21, 1997, New Orleans, LA.
69. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), “Family-Centered Early Intervention Services: Research and Practice” (with Sarintha Stricklin, Patricia Snyder, David Sexton, & James Ernest), November 22, 1997, New Orleans, LA.
70. International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs (sponsored by the Division for Early Childhood, CEC), “Fostering Good Family-Professional Relationships” (with James J. Gallagher & Gloria L. Harbin), November 22, 1997, New Orleans, LA.
71. North Carolina Association for Research in Education, "Cases of Responsiveness and Directiveness and Different Levels ofTeaching" (with Renee E. L. de Kruif [presenter], Rebecca A. Zulli [presenter], R. A. McWilliam, Anita A. Scarborough, & Kimberly M. Sloper), April 1, 1998, Greensboro, NC.
72. Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, “The promise still unfulfilled: IFSPs and IEPs in early intervention,” April 16, 1998, Minneapolis, MN.
73. Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, “Integrating and coordinating services in the primary grades” (poster). April 16, 1998, Minneapolis, MN.
74. Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention, “Teacher interaction behaviors and child engagement” (poster). May 1, 1998, Charleston, SC.
75. 14th Annual DEC International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, “What everyone should know about engagement” (with Renée de Kruif). December 7, 1998, Chicago, IL.
76. 14th Annual DEC International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, “Oh, the places they’ll go: Mixed-method case studies of elementary schools.” December 7, 1998, Chicago, IL.
77. 14th Annual DEC International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, “Where are our children going? Elementary school services for children with disabilities” (with Kelly L. Maxwell). December 7, 1998, Chicago, IL.
78. McWilliam, R. A. (March, 1999). *Future directions in motor intervention theory and research*. Paper presented at the 32nd Annual Gatlinburg Conference, Charleston, SC, March 20, 1999.
79. Raspa, M. J., & McWilliam, R. A. (March, 1999), *Child engagement as an indicator of program quality*. Paper presented (by Raspa) at the North Carolina Association for Research in Education, Greensboro, NC, March 31, 1999.
80. McMillen, B. J., McWilliam, R. A., & Maher, S. L. (April, 1999). Promoting engagement in early childhood educational settings. Paper presented at the 1999 Annual Convention of the Council for Exceptional Children, Charlotte, NC, April 16, 1999.
81. McWilliam, R. A., de Kruif, R. E. L., & Raspa, M. J. (April, 1999). How to rate the quality of child care environments. Paper presented at the 1999 Annual Convention of the Council for Exceptional Children, Charlotte, NC, April 16, 1999.
82. McWilliam, R. A., Snyder, P., Dunlap, G., Wolery, M., Bruder, M. B., & Cole, K. (December, 1999). *Improving what is published:* JEI *guidelines for authors and reviewers.* Research roundtable presented at the 15th Annual Division for Early Childhood International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, Washington, DC, December 10, 1999.
83. Hebbeler, K., Spiker, D., McWilliam, R. A., Bailey, D. B., Simeonsson, R. J., & Brown, S. (December, 1999). *Beginning services: Data from the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study.* Paper presented at the 15th Annual Division for Early Childhood International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, Washington, DC, December 10, 1999.
84. Melissa, M. J., Maher, S. L., de Kruif, R. E. L., & McWilliam, R. A. (December, 1999). *How many kids are busy? Using engagement to assess program quality.* Paper presented at the 15th Annual Division for Early Childhood International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, Washington, DC, December 10, 1999.
85. Maxwell, K. L., Kraus, S., Chetney, P., & McWilliam, R. A. (December, 1999). *Family-centered practices in elementary schools.* Paper presented at the 15th Annual Division for Early Childhood International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, Washington, DC, December 10, 1999.
86. Raspa, M. J., & McWilliam, R. A. (2000, April). *Children's development in day care; The effects of engagement and program quality.* Poster presented at the American Educational Research Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA (presented by Raspa).
87. de Kruif, R. E. L., Zulli, R. A., & McWilliam, R. A. (2000, April). *Cases of responsiveness and directiveness and different levels of teaching.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA (presented by de Kruif).
88. Maxwell, K. L. , McWilliam, R. A., Hemmeter, M. L., Ault, M., & Schuster, J. W. (2000, April). *Perspectives on individualized and developmentally appropriate practices in K-3rd grade inclusive classrooms.* Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA (presented by Maxwell).
89. McWilliam, R. A. (2000, June). *Child care and engagement.* Poster presented at NAEYC's National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, San Francisco, CA.
90. Bailey, D. B., McWilliam, R. A., & Hebbeler, K. M. (2000, July). Families' perspectives on beginning services. Paper presented at Head Start's Fifth National Research Conference, Washington, DC.
91. Ridley, S. M., de Kruif, R. E. L., & McWilliam, R. A. (2000, August). *Effects of child and teacher characteristics on children’s observed engagement.* Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
92. Raspa, M. J., & McWilliam, R. A. (2001, April). *Child care quality and children's engagement.* Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
93. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, April). *Engagement and child care quality.* Symposium ("Observational Assessments of Early Childhood Settings for Children With and Without Disabilities: Classroom Ecology and Child Behavior") paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
94. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, April). *Early intervention programs changing to focus on natural environments.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children, Kansas City, MO.
95. McWilliam, R. A. (2001, April). *Élite writing for publication in scholarly journals*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children, Kansas City, MO.
96. Jackson, L., Campbell, P. H., & McWilliam, R. A. (2001, April). *Delivering OT services in natural environments.* Workshop presented at the AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition 2001, Philadelphia, PA.
97. McWilliam, R. A., & Raspa, M. J. (2001, December). *Evaluating programs with FINESSE.* Paper presented at the 17th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Boston, MA.
98. McWilliam, R. A., & Scott, S. (2001, December). *Individualizing inclusion in child care.* Poster presented at the 17th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Boston, MA.
99. Spiker, D., Mallik, S., Robinson, C., & McWilliam, R. A. (2002, March). *Characterizing services in early intervention: Models, concepts and measurement issues.*Paper presented at the Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention, San Diego, CA.
100. Raspa, M. J., & McWilliam, R. A. (2001, April). *Child care quality and children’s engagement: Implications for development.* Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.
101. Raspa, M. J., & McWilliam, R. A. (2002, April). *Integrating therapy and instruction in classroom programs for young children with disabilities.* Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Convention of the Council for Exceptional Children, New York, NY.
102. McWilliam, R. A., & Wolery, M. (2002, April). *Natural environments and inclusive early childhood.* Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Convention of the Council for Exceptional Children, New York, NY.
103. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, July). *Improving engagement in preschoolers through classroom-level interventions.* Poster presented at the OSEP Research Project Directors’ Meeting, Washington, DC.
104. Raspa, M. J., & McWilliam, R. A. (2002, December). *Improving engagement through teacher- and classroom-level interventions.* Paper presented at the 18th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, San Diego, CA.
105. Greene, K., & McWilliam, R. A. (2002, December). *How to use embedded intervention to target children’s goals in the classroom.* Paper presented at the 18th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, San Diego, CA.
106. McWilliam, R. A. (2002, December). *Writing for publication*. Workshop presented at the 18th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, San Diego, CA.
107. Erba, H. W., Schwartz, I., & McWilliam, R. A. (2002, December). *Alternative treatment use: Implications for early intervention services and research.* Paper presented at the 18th Annual DEC Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, San Diego, CA.
108. Raspa, M. J., McWilliam, R. A., & Appanaitis (2003, April). *Improving Engagement in Preschool Children With Disabilities.* Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development 2003 Biennial Meeting, Tampa, FL.
109. McWilliam, R. A., & Er, M. (2003, September). *A model for using natural environments: International applications?* Poster presented at the meeting of the International Society for Early Intervention, Rome, Italy.
110. Casey, A. M., & McWilliam, R. A. (2003, October). *Three keys to making group care work for children with disabilities.* 2003 Tennessee Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference. Memphis, TN.
111. Morrissey, J. P., Thomas, K. C., Jackson, E., McWilliam, R. A., & McLaurin, C. (2003, November). *Utilization and expenditures for the care and treatment of children with autism.* Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
112. McInerney, W., Dinnebeil, L., Klein, M. D., & McWilliam, R. A. (2004, February). *Efficacy of itinerant early childhood special education.* Paper presented at the Third Biennial Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention, San Diego, CA.
113. McWilliam, R. A., Jung, L. A., & Pretti-Frontczak, K. (2004, February). *Measuring the quality of intervention plans.* Poster presented at the Third Biennial Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention, San Diego, CA.
114. Thompson, B., Diamond, K. E., McWilliam, R. A., Snyder, P., & Snyder, S. W. (2004, April). *Quality indicators in research: Correlational designs.* Paper presented at the International Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children, New Orleans, LA.
115. McWilliam. R. A. (2005, September). *Family variables in children seeking a diagnosis.* Poster accepted at the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP) 2005 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
116. Casey, A. M., & McWilliam, R. A. (2006, October). *How to create the engagement classroom: Tools to promote participation*. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual International Conference on Young Children With Special Needs and Their Families (Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children), Little Rock, AR.
117. McWilliam, R. A., & Casey, A. M. (2006, October). *The routines-based interview: Preliminary data and research tribulations.* Poster presented at the 22nd Annual International Conference on Young Children With Special Needs and Their Families(Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children), Little Rock, AR.
118. Casey, A. M., & McWilliam, R. A. (2007, April). *Data-based feedback to increase teachers’ use of incidental teaching.* Presentation at the Council for Exceptional Children’s 2007 Annual Convention, Louisville, KY.
119. McWilliam, R. A. (2007, October). *Getting a community on the same page in infant-toddler services.* Paper presented at the 23rd Annual International Conference on Young Children (Division for Early Childhood of CEC), Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.
120. Hornstein, S., & McWilliam, R. A. (2007, October). *Measuring family quality of life in families with children with autism.* Poster presented at the 23rd Annual International Conference on Young Children (Division for Early Childhood of CEC), Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.
121. Hornstein, S., & McWilliam, R. A. (2008, February). *Assessing children with deafblindness through engagement, independence, social relationships, and routines.* Poster presented at the Conference for Research on Innovation in Early Intervention, San Diego, CA.
122. McWilliam, R. A., & Casey, A. M. (2008, February). *We wanted to study child performance but had to study adult performance.* Poster presented at the Conference for Research on Innovation in Early Intervention, San Diego, CA.
123. Ridgley, R., Snyder, P., Davis-Keenan, J., & McWilliam, R. A. (2008, October). *Incorporating recommended practices within quality assurance systems: Challenges and barriers.* Roundtable presentation at the 24th Annual International Conference on Young Children (Division for Early Childhood of CEC), Minneapolis, MN.
124. McWilliam, R. A., & Rasmussen, J. L. (2008, October). *A community parenting center: Using early intervention practices for prevention and intervention.* Paper presented at the 24th Annual International Conference on Young Children (Division for Early Childhood of CEC), Minneapolis, MN.
125. Rasmussen, J. L., Casey, A. M., & McWilliam, R. A. (2008, October). *The engagement classroom: Description and findings.* Roundtable presentation at the 24th Annual International Conference on Young Children (Division for Early Childhood of CEC), Minneapolis, MN.
126. Ridgley, R., McWilliam, R. A., Snyder, P., & Davis, J. (2009, October). *Improving the quality of IFSPs by integrating supports within state Part C data systems.* Paper presented at the 25th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs & Their Families, Albuquerque, NM.
127. Casey, A. M., McWilliam, R. A., & Wingate, K. (2009, October). *Where is everybody? Organizing adults to promote child engagement?* Paper presented at the 25th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs & Their Families, Albuquerque, NM.
128. Ridgley, R., Davis, J., McWilliam, R. A., & Snyder, P. (2010, February). *Enhancing IFSP quality through learning objects on a Part C data system: A look at parents’ involvement in the IFSP process.* Poster presented at the Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention (CRIEI 2010), San Diego, CA.
129. McWilliam, R. A., Casey, A., & Schwartz, I. (2010, February). *Classroom interventions in early-intervention research.* Paper presented at the Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention (CRIEI 2010), San Diego, CA.
130. Ridgley, R., McWilliam, R. A., Snyder, P, & Davis, J. (2010, April). *Improving IFSP quality by embedding professional development supports within state data systems.* Paper presented at the Council for Exceptional Children’s 2010 Convention and Expo, Nashville, TN.
131. McWilliam, R. A., Casey, A. M., Barton, E. E., Artman, K., & Bryant, D. (2010, June). *The efficacy and feasibility of implementing technology-based feedback interventions to improve teachers’ classroom performance.* Paper presented at Head Start’s 10th National Research Conference, Washington, DC.
132. McWilliam, R. A., Snyder, P., Ridgley, R., & Davis, J. E. (2010, June).  L[*earning objects on a part c data system to improve ifsp quality.*](http://www.siskin.org/downloads/TEIDS2010PosterFINALrevisedfinalIESJun2010.pdf) Fifth Annual Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Research Conference, National Harbor, MD.
133. McWilliam, R. A., Snyder, P. A., Ridgley, R., & Davis, J. (2010, October). *How to measure the quality of IFSP process and product.* Conference session at the 26th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Kansas City, Missouri.
134. Casey, A. M., & McWilliam, R. A. (2011, October). *Using engagement, independence, and social relationships to make life “fun”-ctional again.* Paper presented at the Tennessee CEC conference. Chattanooga, TN.
135. Ridgley, R., Snyder, P., McWilliam, R. A., & Davis, J. (2011, November). *Impact of job-embedded professional development intervention on IFSP quality.* Paper presented at the 27th Annual International Conference on Young Children With Special Needs & Their Families (DEC), National Harbor, MD.
136. McWilliam, R. A., & Casey, A. M. (2012, February). *Evaluating support-based home- and community-based early intervention.* Poster presented at the 2012 Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention (CRIEI), San Diego, CA.
137. Ridgley, R., Snyder, P., McWilliam, R. A., & Rakap, S. (2012, February). *Evaluating the type and amount of parent talk during IFSP meetings.* Poster presented at the 2012 Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention (CRIEI), San Diego, CA.
138. McWilliam, R. A., Headrick, M., Munson, D., Thomas, P., Kinavey, E., Bunnell, A., Bainter, S., & Luebbers, J. (2012, October). *Progressive directions states have been charting in Part C.* Paper presented at the Division for Early Childhood Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
139. Boavida, T., Aguiar, C., & McWilliam, R. A. (2012). *A training program bridging the gap between philosophy/research and practice.* Poster presented at the Division for Early Childhood Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
140. Bainter, S., Hankey, C., & McWilliam, R. A. (2013, July). *EI/ECSE implementation of the Routines-Based Early Intervention and Classroom Engagement models.* Office of Special Education Programs Leadership Conference (U.S. Department of Education), Washington, DC.
141. McWilliam, R. A. (2014, January). *How to recognize and promote engagement in young children with autism spectrum disorder.* Presentation at the 15th International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater, FL.
142. McWilliam, R. A., & García Grau, P. (2015). *How much can early intervention help family quality of life?* Presentation at the 16th International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater, FL.
143. McWilliam, R. A. (2015, January). *How the routines-based model can address problems in preschool special education.* Presentation at the Tennessee Department of Education Conference, Partners in Education, Nashville, TN.

Selected Consulting Activities

Research

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| January 2000- | Pre-Elementary Education Longitudinal Study (PEELS), SRI International, |
| January 2001 | Menlo Park, CA |
| January 2001-  December 2003 | Integration of Health and Social Services for Young Children and their Families, Research Grant funded by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation. PI: John D. McLennan, M.D., M.P.H., McMaster University |
| June 2001  June 2002 | Engagement and Child Care Quality Study, Faculdade de Psicologia e de Ciências de Educação, University of Porto |
| 2002-2005 | National Center on Monitoring and Evidence-Based Decisionmaking. PI: Alan Coulter, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center |
| July 2004 | New master’s training program for school psychologists, School of Educational and Developmental Psychology, Queensland University of Technology |

Program Quality and Evaluation

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| July 1988 | Infant Programs, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and Texas Early Childhood Intervention, Houston, TX (family-centered approach to assessment and intervention) |
| August 1988 | Northwest Ministry Developmental School, Winston-Salem, NC (program management) |
| May 1989 | Project KEEP PACE, Klein, TX (family-centered approach to assessment and intervention) |
| June 1989 June 1990 | Gaston Comprehensive Day Center, Dallas, NC (working with families, integration; IFSP development) |
| March 1991 | Mental Retardation Institute, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY (child engagement) |
| January 1993 | Association for Retarded Citizens--Peninsula, Newport News, VA (evaluation of early intervention program) |
| July 1995 December 2003 | Human Development Center, Louisiana State University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA (inclusion) |
| Summer 1997 | Longview Early Childhood Intervention, Longview, TX (family-centered services) |
| December 1997 September 1998 | Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System, Broward County, FL (classroom management) |
| May 1998 | Project TYKE, Katy, TX (functional intervention, service delivery models, family-centered intervention planning) |
| May 1998 | Bay Area Rehabilitation Center, Baytown, TX (functional intervention, service delivery models, family-centered intervention planning) |
| June 1998 September 1998 | Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Bay Shore, NY (transdisciplinary service delivery) |
| September 1998 | Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education (review of Early Childhood Longitudinal Study—Birth Cohort) |
| September 1998 | Broward Co., FL, Preschool Program for Children With Disabilities (integrated therapy) |
| February 1999 | New Iberia, LA, CHILDNET, Region IV (family-centered, integrated services) |
| February-July 1999 | Talladega, Birmingham, Decatur, Selma, Troy, AL, Alabama Part C Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (natural environments forums) |
| July 1999 | Wichita Falls, TX, North Texas Rehabilitation Center (functional intervention, service delivery models, family-centered intervention planning) |
| November 1999 | New Orleans, LA, CHILDNET, Region I (family- centered, integrated |
| September 1999  February 2000 | Temple, Harker Heights, & Copperas Cove, TX, CHILDTEAM (functional intervention, service delivery models, family centered intervention planning) |
| February 2000 | McAllen, TX, Easter Seals Early Intervention & Edinburg ECI (functional intervention, service delivery models, family centered intervention planning) |
| May 2000 | Interdisciplinary Center for Children with Disabilities, Queens, NY (integrated therapy) |
| May 2000 | Klaras Children's Center, Waco, TX (functional intervention, service delivery models, family centered intervention planning) |
| August 2000 | Caribbean Quality Improvement Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico (functional intervention, service delivery models, family centered intervention planning) |
| August 2000 | Early Childhood Intervention, Lubbock, TX (functional intervention, service delivery models, family centered intervention planning) |
| September 2000 | TARC, Topeka, KS (functional intervention, service delivery models, family centered intervention planning) |
| January 2001  August 2001 | Millard Public Schools Early Intervention Program, Omaha, NE (functional intervention, service delivery models, family centered intervention planning) |
| May 2001 | Family and Child Studies, University of Connecticut Health Sciences Center (natural environments) |
| May 2001  June 2001 | New York University Quality Improvement Center—Disabilities, Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands (integrated therapies) |
| June 2001 | Part C Office, Puerto Rico (policy recommendations for implementing services in natural environments) |
| July 2001 | Colorado Part C (natural environments and IFSP training) |
| August 2001 | Early Childhood Intervention, San Angelo, TX (functional intervention, service delivery models, family centered intervention planning) |
| August 2003 | Part C, Denver, CO (routines-based intervention using the transdisciplinary primary service provider model) |
| 2003-Present | Too many to list |

Selected Workshops (Local, State, or National; Live or Teleconference)

**1982-Present**

The Routines-Based Interview

Three Alternative Domains: Engagement, Independence, and Social Relationships

Routines-Based Assessment: The Springboard of Functional Outcomes

Delivering OT Services in Natural Environments

Integrating Instruction and Therapy: Putting Interventions in Their Place Where

They Make a Difference

Quality Programs and Evaluation

Project INTEGRATE

Planning Your Child’s Community: A Day-to-Day Approach

Family-Centered Early Intervention

Working Together In The Classroom.

Rethinking Service Delivery In Early Intervention

Current Research In Early Intervention: What We Haven’t Had Time To Read.

Family-Centered Practices

Strategies for Classroom Organization

How to Get Along With Other Grown-Ups in the Classroom

Integrated Therapy We Don’t Want to Be the Bad Guys: Postassessment

Meetings

Full Inclusion and Collaboration: What Will This Mean for Me?

A Structure for Meaningful Participation by Families in Intervention Planning

Developmentally Appropriate Practice: Is It Enough for Children with Special

Needs?

School Psychologists Working with Families of Preschoolers with Handicaps

Least Restrictive Environments for Students with Special Needs: An

Administrative Perspective.

Working with Special Needs Infants.

Peer Engagement: Getting Kids Involved.

Mainstreaming Strategies for Special Needs Preschoolers.

Instructional Intervention and Curriculum Development for Preschool Children

with Handicaps.

Adapting Early Childhood Curricula and Environments to Meet the Needs of

Children with Handicaps.

Developing Functional Objectives for Children and Their Families.

Making Classroom Programs Work.

Instructional Procedures.

Supervision of Child Care Providers and Indicators of Quality Programs.

Curriculum and Teaching Techniques.

The Functional Individual Curriculum.

Working with Parents.

Teaching Young Children with Handicaps: Best Practices from Recent Research.

Response-Contingent Instruction for Severely and Profoundly Handicapped

Students.

Response-Contingent Instruction for Functional Skills in the Classroom.

Best Practices in Working with Special Needs Children.

Looking at the Classroom Environment: Effects on Child and Caregiver Behavior.

Functionally Based Teaching Strategies for Use with Developmentally Disabled

Infants and Children.

Competency-Based Training: Teaching Severely and Profoundly Handicapped

Preschoolers.

Empowerment Strategies for Parents of Handicapped Children.

Parent-Operated Cooperative Classrooms for Handicapped Preschoolers.

Assessment of Young Handicapped Children: Information on Choosing Optimal

Instruments.

High Engagement: An Important Outcome of Successful Programming for

Handicapped Children.

Theory And Practical Suggestions On Working With Visually Impaired

Preschool Children.

Consultations, Trainings, and Technical-Assistance Visits (Since 1997; partial list)

The majority of these visits have been to promote and implement the Early Intervention in Natural Environments Model. Some were on the Engagement Classroom Model, formerly the Individualizing Inclusion model.

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| June | 1997 | Napierville | IL |
| June | 1997 | Suffolk Co./Hauppauge | NY |
| July | 1997 | Dallas | TX |
| September | 1997 | New York | NY |
| December | 1997 | Ft. Lauderdale | FL |
| February, March | 1998 | South Bend | IN |
| May | 1998 | Wilkes-Barre | PA |
| May | 1998 | Houston | TX |
| August | 1998 | Houston | TX |
| September | 1998 | Long Island | NY |
| February | 1999 | Birmingham | AL |
| May | 1999 | Wilkes-Barre | PA |
| July | 1999 | Wichita Falls | TX |
| July | 1999 | Montgomery | AL |
| August | 1999 | Plano | TX |
| August | 1999 | St. Cloud | MN |
| September | 1999 | Charlotte | NC |
| September | 1999 | Killeen | TX |
| October | 1999 | Long Island | NY |
| November | 1999 | Birmingham | AL |
| February | 2000 | Temple | TX |
| February | 2000 | Baton Rouge | LA |
| March | 2000 | Topeka | KS |
| October | 2001 | Topeka | KS |
| May | 2000 | Queens | NY |
| May | 2000 | Waco | TX |
| June | 2000 | Long Island | NY |
| June | 2000 | Austin | TX |
| August | 2000 | Lubbock | TX |
| September | 2000 | Howard Co. | MD |
| January, March | 2001 | Howard Co. | MD |
| January, August | 2001 | Omaha | NE |
| February | 2001 | Johnson Co. | KS |
| April | 2001 | Cookeville (statewide audience) | TN |
| May | 2001 | Guayanilla | PR |
| May | 2001 | Arecibo | PR |
| May | 2001 | San Juan | PR |
| May | 2001 | St. Croix | USVI |
| May | 2001 | Boerne | TX |
| May | 2001 | Reno | NV |
| June | 2001 | Hillsborough | NC |
| July | 2001, 2003 | Denver | CO |
| August | 2001 | San Angelo | TX |
| November | 2001 | Albuquerque & Rio Rancho | NM |
| November | 2001 | Casper (statewide audience) | WY |
| January | 2002 | Las Vegas | NV |
| January | 2002 | Dallas, Allen, McKinney | TX |
| February | 2002 | Queens | NY |
| April | 2002 | Milan | TN |
| September | 2002 | Wyandotte Co. | KS |
| August | 2003 | San Antonio | TX |
| January | 2004 | Gillette | WY |
| May | 2004 | Houston | TX |
| June | 2004 | Katy | TX |
| June | 2004 | Pierre | SD |
| August | 2004 | Livingston | TX |
| August | 2004 | El Paso | TX |
| September | 2004 | Europe (U.S. Army bases) |  |
| January | 2005 | Sioux Falls (statewide audience) | SD |
| April | 2005 | Palm Beach County | FL |
| May | 2005 | Burlington (statewide audience) | VT |
| May | 2005 | Marlborough (statewide audience) | MA |
| May | 2005 | Lucerne & Wyoming Cos. | PA |
| July | 2005 | Austin (statewide audience) | TX |
| July | 2005 | Lubbock | TX |
| December | 2005 | Cedar Rapids | IA |
| January | 2006 | Nacogdoches | TX |
| January | 2007 | Denison | TX |
| February | 2007 | Kansas City | MO |
| May | 2007 | Austin | TX |
| June | 2007 | Midland | TX |
| December | 2007 | Camden | CT |
| February | 2008 | Minneapolis | MN |
| March | 2008 | Green Bay | WI |
| March | 2008 | Branson (statewide audience) | MO |
| May | 2008 | Columbus | OH |
| August | 2008 | Katy | TX |
| August | 2008 | McAllen | TX |
| August | 2008 | San Antonio | TX |
| January | 2009 | Cromwell (statewide audience) | CT |
| March | 2009 | Nassau County UCP | NY |
| April | 2009 | UCP Associations of New York State, Albany | NY |
| May | 2009 | CONUS Early Developmental Intervention Services, U.S. Army | TN |
| June | 2009 | OCONUS Early Developmental Intervention Services, U.S. Army | Germany |
| August | 2009 | Oakland County | MI |
| September | 2009 | Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Schnecksville, | PA |
| September  September | 2009  2010 | NE Department of Education, Omaha | NE |
| October | 2009 | Pocahontas | IA |
| March | 2010 | Ingham Intermediate School District, Mason | MI |
| March | 2010 | Frederick County Developmental Center, Frederick | MD |
| August | 2010 | Johnson City | TN |
| October | 2010 | Indianapolis | IN |
| December | 2010 | Oklahoma City (statewide) | OK |
| March | 2011 | Sandy (statewide) | UT |
| June | 2011 | Nebraska City | NE |
| August, September | 2011 | Memphis | TN |
| February, June | 2012 | Kearney | NE |
| March | 2012 | Gillette | WY |
| March | 2012 | Lafayette (statewide) | LA |
| April | 2012 | Roseville (statewide) | MN |
| April | 2012 | Normal (statewide) | IL |
| April | 2012 | Easton | PA |
| April | 2012 | Cincinnati (SW Ohio) | OH |
| May | 2012 | Portland (Multnomah ESD) | OR |
| May | 2012 | Fairlee (statewide) | VT |
| May, June, July | 2012 | Helena, Billings (statewide) | MT |
| May | 2012 | Billings | MT |
| September | 2012 | Ramon Llull University, Barcelona | Spain |
| September | 2012 | Universidad Católica de Valencia | Spain |
| October | 2012 | Morgantown | NC |
| October | 2012 | DEC Minniapolis | MN |
| February | 2013 | DEC Kansas, Wichita | KS |
| February | 2013 | ECO Advisory, Arlington | VA |
| February | 2013 | Billings | MT |
| May | 2013 | Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill | NC |
| May | 2013 |  | Massachusetts |
| June | 2013 | Christchurch | New Zealand |
| July | 2013 | RBI Institute, Chattanooga | TN |
| July | 2013 | Special Education Leadership Conference, Washington | DC |
| August | 2013 |  | MT |
| August | 2013 | Augusta | ME |
| August | 2013 | Lincoln | NE |
| Spetember | 2013 | Outcomes Conference, Washington | DC |
| October | 2013 | Greenville | NC |
| October | 2013 | San Francisco | CA |
| October | 2013 | Ocena City | MD |
| October | 2013 | Augusta | ME |
| November | 2013 | Lisbon | Portugal |
| November | 2013 | Valencia | Spain |
| January | 2014 | Clearwater | Florida |
| January | 2014 | Raleigh | NC |
| February | 2014 | Edmonton, Alberta | Canada |
| March | 2014 | Denver | Colorado |
| March | 2014 | Murfreesboro | TN |
| April | 2014 | Augusta | ME |
| April | 2014 | Windsor/Mississauga, Ontario | Canada |
| May | 2014 | Barcelona, Valencia, Salamanca & Madrid | Spain |
| May | 2014 | Chapel Hill | NC |
| August | 2014 | Denver | CO |

# Consultation for Systemic Transformation

Two models have emerged from my work, one for early intervention in natural environments and one for classroom organization and teaching. The former has been known as the five-component model, the FACINATE model, the McWilliam model, and with the publication of the eponymous book, *routines-based early intervention (RBEI)*. Components of the model can be found in many states and local programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families across the U.S. and in selected places overseas. The Routines-Based InterviewTM (RBI) has been the practice most commonly implemented, with inclusion as a mandated or optional practice in many states for development of the individualized family service plan. In the past few years, I have worked with a number of entities not just to train practitioners but to engage in strategic planning, when they have indicated an interest in adopting the RBEI model. I have had deep or long-time engagement with the following entities.

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| **Colorado Preschool Special Education** | In 2014, I worked with the 619 team and stakeholders to develop a 4-year implementation plan, featuring practices from the Engagement Classroom Model. |
| **Early Intervention Services, Educational & Development Intervention Services (EDIS), U.S. Army Medical Department** | Since 2004, have worked intermittently with EDIS to help them adopt RBEI components, especially the RBI. I continue to work closely with Naomi Younggren, who has developed complementary materials and who spearheaded early implementation of the model, particularly the RBI. Currently, we are working on marrying a functional, routines-based child development tool of mine with the federal early childhood outcomes. I work with EDIS intermittently. |
| **Missouri Part C** | In 2007, the State had me present very large workshops in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Jefferson City to introduce an alternative to the medical model of providing early intervention. This began a relationship in which I helped them decide on practices they wanted to include in their transformation, including their sending all their district managers to be certified to train on the RBI. Their approach, which they call “teaming,” is very consistent with the RBEI approach. |
| **Montana Part C** | In an effort to reconceptualize how early intervention should be delivered, I facilitated a strategic plan with leaders of all Part C agencies. They unanimously decided to adopt the model and developed a 4-year implementation timeline. The state is planning to implement the RBI for all children, youth, and adults with disabilities. I will continue to assist in some manner throughout implementation. |
| **Nebraska Part C and Section 619, Part B** | In 2009, the state department of education asked me to make statewide presentations on both models and to facilitate stakeholder meetings to assess typical and ideal practice, relative to birth-5 programs for children with disabilities. The state has attempted to saturate the districts with certified RBI trainers (through our institute) and is implementing the model statewide. I am very involved in their transformation activities, usually working in the state twice a year. |
| **Northern New Zealand** | The Northern Region Ministry of Education asked me to train trainers on the RBI and to engage in strategic planning with them for adopting evidence-based and recommended practices for children with disabilities birth to 6. They developed a 4-year implementation plan for adopting the RBEI model. I will continue to assist in some manner throughout implementation. |
| **New Zealand** | Following the successful training in the Northern region, I provided some RBI training to a national group of early interventionists, who will be approved by the trainers I worked with previously. I also conducted a day-long presentation for a national audience. Most important, I facilitated a strategic-planning process with early intervention leaders, in which they chose practices to implement and deadlines for full implementation. |
| **Portugal** | I have traveled to Portugal every year since 1999, in the last few years helping two thrusts to implement the RBEI nationwide. One is through the Portuguese national early intervention association (ANIP); I helped them develop a strategic plan for nationwide training. The other is by mentoring Tânia Boavida, a doctoral student, to study the impact of RBEI trainings in the Lisbon area for her dissertation. A number of Portuguese universities teach components of the model because of associations I have had with them. I continue to be involved with numerous entities in Portugal. |
| **Siskin Children’s Institute, Chattanooga, Tennessee** | The Early Learning Centers, consisting of approximately 20 classrooms for children 6 weeks-6 years of age, has adopted the Engagement Classroom Model and is adopting practices inspired by Reggio Emilia. Amy Casey and I have guided the implementation of the Engagement Classroom Model, so the Institute is now a showcase for this approach. The Home- and Community-Based Early Intervention program, which I run, demonstrates the use of support-based home visits (with family consultation) and collaborative consultation to child care, which are components of the RBEI model. We continue to work with the Institute daily. |
| **Spain** |  |
| **Tennessee Part C** | Tennessee’s Early Intervention System has invested in having its Part C trainers be certified by my RBI Certification Institute, and they have worked with me to develop an implementation plan to have every service coordinator in the state trained on the RBI, so every family entering the system will received a high-fidelity RBI. We advise and assist the State in this transformation. |
| **Campbell County Developmental Center, Gillette, Wyoming** | We originally had provided this center with training through the National Individualizing Preschool Inclusion Project. We have subsequently conducted a study with them, comparing two classrooms operating with the Engagement Classroom Model and two classrooms operating as usual. A consultation visit midstream was essential for implementation of the model with fidelity. |

# Routines-Based Interview Training

## RBI Certification Institute

Since 2008, I have organized this annual institute to provide a week of intensive training on conducting the RBI and preparing trainees to train others to conduct the interview. Admission to the institute is competitive. The institute includes a demonstration by me of the RBI, workshops, role play, and practice interviews with real families and with coaching. Participants have to complete some activities after the institute, which we review to decide if they have displayed competent implementation. About three quarters of the participants succeed in being certified. As of July 2012, 55 people have been certified.

## State RBI Institutes

The Siskin Center for Child and Family Research organizes or leads train-the-trainer 4-day institutes for statewide training on the RBI. Typically, certified (through our RBI Certification Institute) trainers in the state approve the competencies of the trainees and their trainees. These have been conducted in

* Tennessee
* Kentucky
* Montana
* TA provided to CO to lead their own bootcamp

Recent Media Appearances

*Siskin Children’s Institute: WUTC interview about new research center* (8 minutes). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=df55IOAUeHs>. Uploaded on 1/5/09.

Dr. McWilliam named associate editor for Exceptional Children. *The Chattanoogan.com*. [http://www.chattanoogan.com/2009/9/9/158480/Dr.-McWilliam-Named-Associate-Editor.aspx. 9/9/09](http://www.chattanoogan.com/2009/9/9/158480/Dr.-McWilliam-Named-Associate-Editor.aspx.%209/9/09).

*Routines-Based Interview (Robin) feeding.mpg* (3 minutes)*.* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdEkZvsUVQE>. Uploaded on 7/14/10.

*Routines-Based Interview (Robin) wrapup.mpg* (5 minutes). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVR1YZBJqCk>. Uploaded on 7/14/10.

*Home visiting practices for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families (8 minutes).* Pappanikou Center production. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUwcRFgbdYk>. Uploaded on 7/17/10.

Conference brings together families of children with disabilities. *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. 10/23/10.

*Beginning of the Routines-Based Interview* (7 minutes). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM3Wrlfz-J8>. Uploaded on 2/8/12.

*The MEISR* (12 minutes). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anQ_6wzhAdk>. Uploaded on 11/7/1`2.

*McWilliam on RBI and early intervention* (13 minutes). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhcUotSkYAY>. Uploaded on 12/20/12.

1. To promote the abilities of staff colleagues, numerous papers were written with colleagues as first authors. They took the lead in drafting the manuscripts, but my roles were to design the studies, make decisions about the content, to edit the manuscript, and to provide the conclusions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)