



Jan has been in the field of education since 1974, first serving as an elementary teacher in the inner-city schools of Cleveland, Ohio and then after moving to Miami in 1981, she continued to teach in the inner-city elementary schools. After graduating with an Educational Specialist Degree in Teaching and Learning Mathematics from the University of Miami in 1991, Jan took a position as an Educational Specialist for the Title II Teacher Quality Professional Development Program. She was responsible for creating and conducting in-services in mathematics methods and instruction as well as one of a team of four who developed and conducted the summer "New Teacher Institute in Math and Science". In 1996 she became part of the Teacher Education Center as an Educational Specialist and was responsible for conducting in-services as well as setting up and monitoring the gifted endorsement classes. Jan currently holds a Ph.D in Mathematics Education from Curtin University, Perth, Australia and in her free time teaches graduate courses at Nova South-Eastern University.

This is the first year Jan will be working with the New Teacher Program staff and she is looking forward to focusing her time and energy with the new teachers in our county.

She believes that, "Teachers are the key to improving education... Regardless of the curriculum or the assessment process in a school district, the person in charge of adapting materials for a particular classroom and student is the teacher".

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