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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

With its focus on the socialization of the child, this book helps readers understand how the child develops in a variety of contexts, including the family, community, and early childhood institutions. It gives readers the tools they need to become professionals who can work with both children and parents in ways that support children to be healthy, secure, and socialized members of their families, and eventually society. Guidance strategies are presented, as well as child rearing strategies that parents, parent educators and other professionals and practitioners can put to immediate use. The author relates the many contexts in which the child exists—family, school, and community—to Bronfenbrenner’s ecological systems theory.

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About the Author

Janet Gonzalez-Mena taught in the California university and community college systems for 35 years. She was on the full-time faculty at Napa Valley College in the Child and Family Studies Department for 15 years. Janet started her early childhood career in a cooperative preschool as a parent volunteer in 1966. She became a preschool teacher and taught in three types of programs including Head Start, a program for Spanish-speaking children and their families, and a home-based preschool program. Later she became a director of child care programs and helped to open several pilot projects including a therapeutic child care program and an infant-center.

Besides preschool, Janet’s special interests include working with parents, diversity, family child care, and infants. In the 1970s she studied with Magda Gerber, an infant expert from Hungary. Recently she has studied at the Pikler Institute in Budapest where Magda came from. Presently Janet is involved in helping create a training project called “Strengthening Family and Professional Partnerships” with NAEYC. Janet is the author of four early childhood education textbooks, plus a book on diversity and two parenting books. In 2002 she co-authored *Bridging Cultures in ECE*, a training manual for WestEd. She has been on the faculty of WestEd’s Program for Infant-Toddler Care training trainers since 1991. For the last 10 years she has also been on the faculty of Beginning Together, an organization that trains professionals to include children with special needs in early care and education programs.

Janet lives in a multicultural family in California, a state where there is no longer a majority culture; everyone now is a minority. Janet earned a B.A. in English from University of California, Davis and a M.A.

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