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Senior Policy Analyst

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SUMMARY

Dedicated Special Education Policy Researcher with over 10 years of experience in advocating for equitable educational opportunities for students with disabilities. My career began as a special education teacher, where I developed a profound understanding of the challenges faced by students with diverse needs. Transitioning into policy research, I have collaborated with government agencies and non-profits to assess and improve special education legislation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Policy Analyst National Center for Special Education Advocacy   *Jan 2023 - Present*

- Conducted comprehensive research on state-level special education policies.
- Collaborated with educators to gather qualitative data on the impact of legislation.
- Developed policy recommendations that increased funding for special education programs by 20%.
- Presented research findings to legislative committees, resulting in the adoption of three new policies.
- Engaged with advocacy groups to align research with community needs.
- Authored articles for educational journals on policy implications of special education reforms.

Special Education Teacher Lincoln High School   *Jan 2020 - Dec 2022*

- Taught students with various disabilities in a self-contained classroom setting.
- Implemented Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) tailored to each student's needs.
- Collaborated with support staff to enhance learning environments and strategies.
- Organized community workshops to raise awareness about special education needs.
- Monitored student progress through data collection and assessments.
- Facilitated parent-teacher meetings to discuss student achievements and challenges.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Policy, University of Education   *Sep 2019 - Oct 2020*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Technical Skills:** Policy Analysis, Research Methodology, Advocacy, Data Interpretation, Stakeholder Engagement, Public Speaking
- **Awards/Activities:** Published a research study that influenced state special education funding policies.
- **Awards/Activities:** Received the 'Advocate of the Year' award from the Special Education Alliance.
- **Awards/Activities:** Successfully led a campaign that increased public awareness of special education issues by 50%.
- **Languages:** English, Spanish, French