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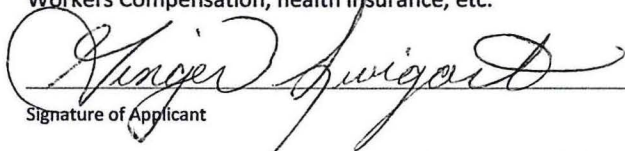
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete each item below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission, or Committee (only one per application please) for which you desire consideration. For more complete information or assistance contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office. This application shall be maintained for a period of one year only. After one year it is necessary to file a new application for another year of eligibility. Please print in ink or type.

1. Board/Commission Applying for: The First 5 EL Dorado Children and Families Commission	2. Today's Date: 10/16/2014
3. Name: Swigart Ginger Marie Last First Middle	4. E-Mail Address: _____
5. Address: _____ Number Street _____ City Zip Code	6. Telephone: _____ Home (_____) _____ Business
7. Occupation/Title: Early Care and Education Consultant	Employer: Self Employed
8. List all County board, commissions or committees of which you are now or have been a member. Indicate dates of service. El Dorado County Child Abuse and Prevention Council - 1999 - 2004 El Dorado County Early Care and Education Council - 1996 - 2000 Community Action Council - 1996 - 1998	
9. Summary of qualifications related to group(s) listed above. (What experience or special knowledge do you bring to your area of interest?) My entire professional career I have worked with children and their families. While a Family Community Coordinator for the El Dorado County Office of Education Head Start Program I served on the Community Action Council and became aware of community agencies and their roles. During my career I have worked in many different types of ECE programs.	
10. Affiliations with professional and/or community groups: Current Board Member for the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Past President of the California Association for the Education of Young Children. A founding and current member of the Placerville Boys and Girls Club. Past member of the El Dorado County Literacy Action Council and the Human Rights Round Table.	
11. Why do you seek appointment? I believe very strongly that children zero-five need advocates to be their voice in the community, and to elected officials. I would like the opportunity to be one of those voices. This commission does important and excellent work on behalf of children and families and it would be an honor to part of this commission.	
12. Additional Information: Give any information explaining your qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for above Board, Commission, or Committee. Attach additional sheets as necessary. For over eight years I worked for the El Dorado County Office of Education/Child Development Programs as a Family Community and Education Coordinator. I then became a School Readiness Coordinator for First 5 El Dorado and a Child Development Coordinator for First 5 California. I have an MA in Human Development and BA in ECE.	
13. Indicate Supervisor who will receive a copy of this application: Norma Santiago	

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Signature of Applicant

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10/17/2014  
Date

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October 17, 2014

Dear Selection Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to apply for the open position on the First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission. I have extensive experience working with children zero to five and their families. Over the years I have also held positions in numerous types of early care and education programs.


I have personal knowledge of the significant work that the Commission is involved with in our County. I was hired to become the first School Readiness Coordinator for the Commission and worked for the Commission for five years and also worked for the First 5 California Commission as a Child Development Coordinator. I also had the pleasure of working for the El Dorado County Office of Education/Child Development Programs as a Family Community Coordinator and an Education Coordinator.

I firmly believe that it is important to give back to the community and in the importance of volunteering. I was fortunate to be one of the founding members of the Boys and Girls Club of Placerville and served as President of the Board for a year and I'm still a member of the Boys and Girls Club Board. In 2011 I was elected to a four year term on the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) Governing Board. NAEYC has a national and international membership of over 90,000 educators serving children birth to eight and their families.

I retired in July of this year from the Sacramento County Office of Education where I coordinated the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant. I'm looking forward to have the opportunity to serve the children and families of El Dorado County as a First 5 Commissioner. Attached is a resume, which highlights my experience with children zero to five and their families.

If you have any questions, please email or call using the information listed below. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

  
Ginger Swigart

**Resume**  
Ginger Marie Swigart



**Highlights of Qualifications**

- 25 years professional experience in Early Childhood Education
- Special talent for creating environments for children
- Endorsed High Scope Trainer
- Touchpoints Trainer
- Experienced workshop presenter and speaker
- Experienced Teacher of English Language Learners
- National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation Validator
- Experienced in working with people from various ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Inducted into El Dorado County Early Childhood Hall of Fame
- Outstanding Service Award El Dorado County Office of Education
- Outstanding Achievement Award El Dorado County Office of Education
- Established a Family Literacy Program in El Dorado County
- Past President of the California Association for the Education of Young Children
- Past Co-Chair of the Quality Rating Improvement System Workgroup
- Current Governing Board Member of the National Association of Young Children

**Relevant Experience and Accomplishments**

**Supervision/Training**

- Director and Lead Teacher of a child development center
- Supervised Teachers, Instructional Assistants, college students and parents
- Scheduled and assigned staff for large children center and arranged for substitutes
- Staff Development Coordinator for Children Center Programs
- Experienced curriculum developer for infants, preschool and school-age programs
- Successfully organized and ran Consumer Education Campaign for parents on how to choose quality child care
- Workshop presenter at numerous state and national conferences
- Past President of the Western Slope Association for the Education of Young Children
- Chair of the California Association for the Education of Young Children's Legislative Symposium, 1992-93
- Past President of Northern California Association for Education of Young Children
- Membership Chair of the Northern California's High Scope Educator's
- Past President of the Literacy Action Council
- Past President of the Human Rights Round Table of El Dorado County
- Past Chair Local Child Care & Development Planning Council of El Dorado County
- Past Chair of the El Dorado County Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Past President of the Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado County
- Managed the Early Learning Opportunity Federal Grant

### **Community Relations/Public Policy**

- Have extensive experience working with the media
- Have made radio and television appearances
- Written press releases and had articles printed in local newspapers
- Completed a Legislative Fellowship with The California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC)
- Past Public Policy Chair for CAEYC
- Vice Chair for “Citizens for Quality Child Care,” a grass roots community group that formed to pass a childcare tax measure in Fremont, California
- Coordinated and promoted fundraising events
- Experienced community organizer

### **Education and Training**

- MA, Pacific Oaks College, Human Development
- BA, Cal-State Hayward, Early Childhood Education/Supervision
- AA, Chabot College, Early Childhood Education
- Montessori Credential, Sonoma State
- Completed the Sierra Health Foundation Leadership Training
- Supervision Training, Hayward Unified School District
- Children Center Permit
- High Scope Trainer of Trainers Project
- Infant Toddler Training/West Ed
- Professional Growth Advisor
- Touchpoints Trainer

### **Work Experience**

- September 2006 to 2014 – School Readiness Project Specialist, Sacramento County Office of Education
- December 2005 to September 2006 – Child Development Consultant for First 5 California Children and Families Commission
- July 2002 to December 2005 – School Readiness/Special Needs Coordinator for First 5 El Dorado County
- January 2004 to Present – Adjunct Faculty with American River College/ECE classes
- June 1999 to 2002 – Education Coordinator, El Dorado County Office of Education Child Development Programs/Head Start, Early Head Start, State Pre-school, General Child Care
- July 1994 to June 1999 – Family Community Coordinator, El Dorado County Office of Education Child Development Programs
- 1990 to 1994 – Consumer Education/Early Childhood Education Specialist, Child Action, Inc.
- 1990 to 1994 – Lead Teacher/Trainer, Hayward Unified School District
- 1984 to 1990 – State Preschool Teacher and Parent Educator, Hayward Unified School District