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Teaching Respect For The Sake Of A Child

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Patricia has touched the lives of dozens of children and families, building a successful child care business, Patty Cake Preschool, over 17 years. Dedicated to providing the best for children, she earned her Child Development Associate and became Nationally Accredited. In 2004 she completed her Associate of Arts degree at Edgewood College and in 2005 released her book, *From Babysitter To Business Owner: Getting The Most Out Of Your Home Child Care Business* (Redleaf Press). The book was on the Redleaf bestseller list in its first month out. In her book, Patricia provides the keys to professionalism for other providers and helps them to build successful, respectful partnerships with families. She is a Board Member of the National Association of Family Child Care, Wisconsin Family Child Care Association, and the Wisconsin Early Childhood Coalition. In 2007, she was the recipient of the Wisconsin Governor's Award for excellence in her contributions to the field of child care.

Patricia is an advocate for the child care profession, presenting keynotes and workshops at state and national conferences across the United States to help providers create successful businesses and gain the respect and appreciation they deserve. Her school motto is: "Teaching the 3 C's: Courtesy, Curiosity & Creativity."

In 2007 Patricia released *The Patty Cake Kids & The Lost Imagination Cap* (KIDBIZ Books), the only storybook set in a family child care home. Her goal was to give children in family child care a book with characters they could relate to and a story that would stretch their imaginations and spark their creativity. The book has received outstanding reviews and had overwhelming success at its release at the 2007 National Association of Family Child Care National Conference in California.

Patricia continues to improve the lives of children with her book, *Because I Loved You: A Birthmother's View Of Open Adoption* (Goblin Fern). This memoir shares the story of love in an adoption process and has been endorsed by Bethany National Adoption Agencies, Independent Adoption Centers, and Lutheran Social Services, among others. It is being hailed as the first book on adoption that truly reflects the love, respect and understanding of adoptions today, providing a roadmap for others to follow. Since the book's release, Patricia has been sharing her story at adoption agencies and in the media in order to wash away the fears of adoption and give guidance and direction.

Patricia continually works to create products, services and trainings to help others. She has two monthly newsletters, KIDBIZ and KIDSAKE for child care professionals and

those in the adoption triad. Her KIDBIZ Teleseminars offer providers training they can access from home at any time convenient for them. She has also created a Professionalism Kit and KIDBIZ Coaching Series CD's to provide early childhood educators and business owners with the tools they need to raise their level of professionalism and quality and ensure success. Patricia is also a columnist for Adoption Today magazine writing the *Birthmother's Perspective* column. Her articles appear in numerous publications, magazines, newspapers and newsletters across the country.

With several books under development and many new topics for her lectures, Patricia continues to provide information to the adults who care for and about children to help them make a difference in children's lives.