

**Monica Cenicerros** has over 30 years of experience in early childhood education and is deeply passionate about supporting children, educators, and early learning programs. Since beginning her journey in 1995, she has remained dedicated to helping providers create high-quality learning environments.

She currently serves as a Texas Rising Star (TRS) Mentor Supervisor, Infant-Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN) Specialist, and TECPDS Subject Matter Expert (SME). In these roles, she leads and supports a team of mentors who work alongside providers to strengthen classroom practices and promote continuous quality improvement. She is committed to encouraging her team, building strong relationships, and providing practical support that helps programs succeed.

Prior to her current role, Monica served as a TRS Mentor and later as a Lead Mentor, where she spent nearly five years coaching and supporting early learning programs through hands-on guidance and quality improvement efforts. She also brings experience working with similar programs in another state, allowing her to offer a broader perspective and deeper understanding of best practices across different systems.

A strong believer in lifelong learning, Monica returned to college at the age of 42 and earned her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education in 2019.

**Her journey reflects her personal motto:**

**“Never give up, because things always come to those who fight for what they want.”**

