

Biography Dr. Martha Buell

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Martha Buell, Ph.D. is a tenured Full Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Delaware, and the director of the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC). Located at the University of Delaware, DIEEC provides quality assured professional development and the professional registry for the state's early care and education workforce as well as administering the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System, Delaware Stars for Early Success. Over 11 million dollars is currently administered by the projects under the DIEEC umbrella.

Martha has a bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Vanderbilt University, a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Tulane University and a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Martha was the PI and founding director of the University's Early Head Start program and a co-director of three Early Reading First projects. Martha's research focuses on improving early care and education programs in an effort to support positive outcomes for all children, especially those placed at risk due to poverty, language minority or disability. Martha teaches classes on early literacy, research methods and human development.