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Anne is the president of *Early Childhood Policy Research*, an independent consulting firm in upstate New York specializing in evaluation, policy analysis and planning on early care and education.

Previously she was Associate Dean of the Research Division at Bank Street College of Education in New York City, where she founded Bank Street's graduate program in Early Childhood Leadership and codirected the first national study of public schools as providers of programs for children under six. Anne co-founded (with Louise Stoney) the Alliance for Early Childhood Finance, a learning community on finance reform and system-building for early care and education.

Anne has conducted nationwide studies of state and local prekindergarten policy and early care and education finance. She has written widely on child care and early education policy and practice including *Early Childhood Programs and the Public Schools: Between Promise and Practice*; and

Explorations with Young Children: A Curriculum Guide from Bank Street College of Education. She co-authored the 1997 and 2001 editions of *Financing Child Care in the United States: Catalog of Current Strategies*. Recent reports and books include: *Education for all Young Children: The Role of States and the Federal Government in Promoting Prekindergarten and Kindergarten*, a Foundation for Child Development Working Paper; *The Price of School Readiness: A Tool for Estimating the Cost of Universal Preschool in the States*; *Success Stories: State Investment in Early Care and Education in Illinois, North Carolina and Rhode Island*; *Stair Steps to Quality: A Guide for State and Communities Developing Quality Rating Systems for Early Care and Education*; and *Using Tax Credits to Promote High Quality Early Care and Education Services: An Idea Paper Submitted to the Partnership for America's Economic Success*. Anne's most recent publication is an online tool for estimating the cost of a Quality Rating and Improvement System.

Anne began her early childhood career thirty-five years ago as the teacher-director of a child care center in a low-income housing development in Cambridge, MA. She received her B.S. degree (1972) in astronomy from Wellesley College, her M.S. degree (1988) in early childhood education leadership from Bank Street College of Education and an honorary certificate in Early Childhood Leadership Development (1995) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She is married and the mother of a daughter who has experienced many forms of nurturing education throughout her life. Anne is serving her fifth 3-year term as an elected member of the Greenville (NY) Board of Education, has served as its president and is now vice president. She completed five years on the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching appointed by the New York State Board of Regents, and is a Past-President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. In 2003, Anne received the Champion for Children award from the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children. In 2005, Anne received the Bank Street College Alumni Association Recognition Award and the Early Childhood Achievement Award from Scholastic, Inc. In 2007, she received the Visionary Award from the National Louis University's McCormick Tribune Center for Early Childhood Leadership. Anne received the 2008 Excellence in Leadership award from the New York State Child Care Coordinating Council. In 2009, Anne received the President's Award from the National Association for Family Child Care and in 2010 the Friend of Family Child Care Award from the New York State Association for Family Child Care.