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BIOGRAPHY



"You should wake up every day doing what you absolutely love. I absolutely love collaborating with school counselors and school counseling leaders doing this tough work to produce maximum student outcomes, all while having a solution-focused and realistic perspective. School counselors are needed now more than ever as we navigate life post-pandemic, social injustice, and stressors in general. I believe in building school counseling leaders to help advocate for our profession as a whole and to help students transform into their best selves."

Originally from Mobile, Alabama, Antionette "Toni" Dickerson worked as an educator in Cobb County School District in Metro Atlanta for 14 years before joining the Hatching Results team. While in Cobb, she held positions of high school English teacher, high school counselor, counseling department chair, and middle school counselor. She attended Florida A & M University for undergrad where she earned her B.A. in English Education. She received her M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Professional School Counseling and Supervision and her Tier 1 certification in Educational Leadership from University of West Georgia.

Toni was recognized as the 2018 Cobb County High School Counselor of the Year and 2019 State runner up for Georgia School Counselor of the Year in 2019. She also served as the 2020-2021 President of Cobb School Counselor Association (CSCA), and served several years on the Leadership Team and Executive Board of Georgia School Counselor Association (GSCA). Toni was the first ASCA/RAMP Chair for GSCA, and also held positions of New Counselors Liaison, Administration Liaison, and Professional Recognition Co-Chair.

She is a 2018 and 2021 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) recipient, receiving this honor at both the high school and middle school levels. She is currently an ASCA RAMP Reviewer. Toni's specialty is helping school counselors and districts transform into data-driven comprehensive school counseling programs. She has presented and trained at both the state and national levels within this speciality. Toni is also trained in Restorative Practices, ASIST, and Youth Mental Health and First Aid.

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"When we were in the preliminary stages of applying to RAMP, after meeting several times with Toni individually and as a team, we felt a mix of relief and excitement about tackling such a complex undertaking. Toni has a way of breaking down hard things into clear, digestible pieces that help people come together to achieve a larger goal. She does it in a professional, warm, and supportive way. Additionally, she helped us design a plan by providing practical examples from her wealth of experience and constructively highlighting our opportunities for growth. She made the impossible seem possible by showing us the path and helping us take the first step toward our goal."

-School Counselor, Cobb County School District

"As a supervisee and new school counselor, I gained confidence, further developed therapeutic skills, and realized the importance of program advocacy as a result of Toni Dickerson's supervision, training, and mentorship. I'm now able to share the same knowledge to support the growth and preparation of other school counselors in training."

-Former Intern, Current School Counselor and Doctoral Candidate.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2021-22 Georgia School Counselor Association Executive Board
- 2021 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP)
- 2020-21 President, Cobb School Counselor Association
- 2019 Semi-Finalist, Georgia School Counselor of the Year
- 2018 Cobb County High School Counselor of the Year
- 2018 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP)

FUN FACTS

- In my younger days, I appeared in a movie and on 2 reality TV shows.
- Traveling is my favorite past-time and the best therapy.
- My daughter is an Amazon-published author and World Dance Champion!

