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About Jessica Shields Flowers

When Jessica Shields Flowers thought about how she wanted to help parents and educators give children better opportunities to develop and flourish, she pictured outward ripples of positive change. So when it came time to open her early childhood education and parenting consultancy in 2008, Ripple LLC was the name the Master Certified Trainer selected.

The first Conscious Discipline® Certified Instructor in South Carolina, Jessica has worked with East Coast families and educators for over 30 years. She is one of two Conscious Discipline Certified Instructors for South Carolina's First Steps 4K programs and has presented at the NAEYC National Conference. She also sits on the board of the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, where she helped create the Early Connections program for children age zero to three, designed to strengthen connections between each child and his or her "grown-up" while increasing the child's attention span and cooperation.

Her work at Vienna Baptist Children's Center is nationally recognized, cited in books including *Faith in Children: Stories from Faith-Based Children's Centers* by Legacy of Caring's Roberta Owens. She has served on the boards of the Northern Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children and the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education. She contributed to the Ecumenical Child Care Network's report *Taking the Lead: Investing in Early Childhood Leadership for the 21st Century*. She holds a Master of Education degree in early childhood education from George Mason University.

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