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Ask a Teacher Virtual Interview Series

The following is a text transcript of the *Virtual Interview of teacher* *Michael Bernardis,* which is made available by the California Department of Education's Special Education Division.

Describer: Header reads – Make a difference of a life time. Teach. - Teach California – Your first step toward becoming a teacher is just one click away.

Describer: A teacher sitting in his classroom gym participating in an interview.

What I like best about working in the infant development program is that I am working with children from birth to three years old, from babies up until actually to their third birthday.

Describer: Teacher working with students in the gym classroom

It's just a wonderful experience working with children and teaching children at that level. I also have the opportunity not only to be with the children, but to be with their parents. Our program is a home-based program; basically we go into the home.

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A lot of what we do is based upon the relationship we have with not only the child but with the parent and so a key component is to develop a rapport with the total family.

Describer Teacher working with students in the classroom.

It's so rewarding for me to get to know not only the child but his entire family including his parents.

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It's really exciting for them to be a part of the teaching process.

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