



A CHILD'S WAY KINDERGARTEN-PRESCHOOL

2023-24 STAFF QUALIFICATIONS



AMY – Co-TEACHER, 3-day 3's

Education: BS in Family Science/ Minor Italian, Brigham Young
ME in Early Childhood Education, Eastern Washington University
Experience: Volunteer, Rock Creek for 14 yrs & LDS Westview Ward for 10+ yrs
Children's World, Assistant Director, Lead Teacher & Asst. Teacher
4 years, Little Green Apple Preschool, Lead Teacher, Administrator
1 year, La Petite Academy, Lead Teacher, Administrator



AVA – Co-TEACHER, 2-day 3's

Education: BA, Anthropology, Humboldt State University
Experience: 8 years, Volunteering at ACW, BSD, & Sunday School Teacher & Aide
1 year, Substitute Teacher at Portland Preschool
1 year, Para-Educator for BSD
1 year, Assistant Teacher for A Child's Way



BECKY – Co-TEACHER, PRE-K, 3-day, 4-hour

Education: BA, Human Development, Connecticut College
Experience: 6 years, Dance Instructor, Camp Counselor, Asst./Associate Teacher, CT & MA
7 years, Nanny, in Connecticut and Portland
6 mos. Volunteering at Portland Preschool Volunteer
Outgoing President of the PTO in Elementary School, Catlin Gabel
1 year, Substitute for A Child's Way



CAROLINE – Co-TEACHER, PRE-K, 4-day, 3-hour

Education: BA Edge Hill University College
Experience: 9+ years Teacher at various preschools
4 years at A Child’s Way—1 year 2’s; 3 years Pre-K



CHRISTY – Co-Teacher, 3-day 3’s

Education: BA in English, Gonzaga University
MA in Teaching, Pacific University
Experience: 2 years substitute for Cedar Hills Co-Op Kindergarten and Preschool
8 years teacher, 1st & 2nd
1 year substitute at A Child’s Way Kindergarten-Preschool
3 years at A Child’s Way 3’s



CRYSTAL J.— Co-TEACHER, PRE-K, 3-day, 4-hour

Education: BS in Human Development and Family Sciences/Early Childhood Development, Oregon State
Experience: 5 years as a Nanny
2 years volunteer and Substitute Teacher, Oswego Playschool
6 years Teacher, Touchstone Preschool
6 years Pre-K teachers A Child’s Way



CRYSTAL L. – Co-Teacher, Pre-K, 4-day, 4 hour (Job Share, 2-days a week)

Education: BA, Music, University of Hawaii
MA, Early Childhood Special Education, San Francisco State University
Experience: 8 years, Teacher’s Aide, Middle School Summer Band Program
3 years, Assistant Teacher, Preschool & Young Children’s Program, Honolulu
5 years, Community School for the Arts, Belmont, CA
Preschool & Music Teacher, Mommy & Me teacher, Art & Music Summer camp
1-year, Special Ed. Early Childhood Teacher, CA
2 years, Lead Assoc. Teacher, Early Childhood - University of Oregon
8 years, Inclusive Storytime, Workshops, PSU & Hillsboro library
1 year, Co-Teacher, A Child’s Way



DARLENE – Retiring Co-Director

Education: B.A. in Education, Pacific Lutheran University
Experience: Substitute Teacher, Federal Way Washington School District
Substitute Teacher, A Child's Way
31 years at A Child's Way, Pre-3's, 3's Pre-4's, 2's,
Lunch and Play, Fun For Fours
9 years Co-Director at A Child's Way



ELLIE – Co-TEACHER, 2-day 3's

Education: BA in History, Lewis & Clark College
MA in Teaching, Early Childhood/Elementary, Lewis & Clark College
Experience: 1 year 1st/2nd Grade Teacher, Sunnyside Environmental Sch
4 years 1st Grade Teacher, Arthur Academy Public Charter School
Volunteered 2 years as a Preschool Parent; Leadership positions
2 years at a Child's Way



ERNA – Lead – TEACHER, PRE-K 4-day, 4 hour

Education: Bachelor of International Management, the Netherlands
Bachelor, Teacher Elementary Education, the Netherlands
Accreditation Course, Teacher English as a Foreign Language
Accreditation Course, Executive Secretary Course
Experience: 5 years, Elementary School Teacher, the Netherlands
3 years, Volunteering and Teaching in Elementary School, South Korea
3 years, Volunteering and Teaching Elementary School, Beaverton
School District
4 years, Founder, Principal & Teacher of accredited Dutch Language &
Culture School
6 months, Title One Teacher, Portland



FUMIKO – Co-TEACHER, 2's & Parent Class

Education: BA in English Major, Art History Minor, Mt Holyoke College
Experience: 5 years, Summer School Preschool Teacher Bilingual school—English & Japanese
7 years, administrative
1 year at A Child's Way



JENNIFER P. – Co-TEACHER, 3-day 3’s

Education: B.S. in Human Development, Oregon State University

Experience: 25 years at A Child’s Way, Fours, Threes



JENNIFER S. – Co-TEACHER, 3-day 3’s

Education: BA in Psychology, University of Oregon

MA in School Counseling, NW Christian College, Eugene

Experience: 7 years, School Counselor, Sutherlin West Intermediate

2 years, School Counselor, Jacob Wisner Elementary School

2 years A Child’s Way



KATHY P. -- DIRECTOR

Education: Child Development Associate Certification

Allied Health Sciences, George Washington University

Experience: 6 years teaching 2½ - 5 year olds, Portland Parks & In-Home School

21 years at A Child’s Way, Fours

14 years Co-Director, A Child’s Way



KIRSTEN – Co-TEACHER, PRE-K, 4-day, 4 hour (Job Share, 2-days a week)

Education: BS Education, Eastern Illinois University

MS Curriculum & Instruction, Portland State University

Experience: 1 year Kdg. Teacher, Illinois

6 years Preschool Teacher, Touchstone

3 months, Long-Term Sub, Kdg., Pleasant Valley

5 years In-Home Childcare Provider

2 years A Child’s Way



KRISTINE – Co-TEACHER, 2-day 3's

Education: MS Motor Development--Adapted Physical Education, Oregon State University
BS Motor Development, Minor in Psychology, Bridgewater State College
Experience: 4 years, substitute A Child's Way
6 years Adapted Physical Education Specialist, Beaverton School District
1 year at A Child's Way

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LIZ -- Co-TEACHER, 2-day 3's

Education: Pre-School studies in High School
Completed multiple early childhood courses PCC
Experience: 15 years, Lead Preschool Teacher, Vermont Hills
1 year at A Child's Way



MEGAN – Office Manager

Education: BA in Mass Communications, California State University, Hayward
17 semester credits in Early Childhood, Chabot Comm. College
Experience: 3 years Pre-K & 3's Young Learners
2 years 2's, Littlest Angel Preschool, Menlo Park
2 years at A Child's Way



MELISSA – Assistant Teacher, Pre-K 4-day, 4 hour

Education: BS in Printmaking Minor in Graphic Design, Portland State University
Experience: Classroom volunteer at A Child's Way
Substitute Teacher A Child's Way 22-23 school year, 1 year



VIVIEN – Co-TEACHER, 2's & Parent Class

Education: ME, ECE & Constructive Curr. Design & Instruction, Portland State
CDA, De Anza College
AS, Computer Information Systems, De Anza College
BA, San Francisco State University

Experience: 7 years, Teacher, Creative Children's Center
8 years, PD Specialist, Council for Professional Recognition
4 years, Mandarin Chinese Teacher, Rising Star Chinese School
8 years, Preschool Teacher, Bright Horizons
1 year at A Child's Way



WENDY – Co-TEACHER, PRE-K 4-day, 3-hour

Education: B.A. in Sociology, University of Washington

Experience: 3 years teaching Pre-K and Kindergarten Students at an International School
in Barcelona, Spain
6 years at A Child's Way