

Our Staff

The Children's Center has assembled the most professional and qualified staff of any preschool in Colorado. Our teachers are members of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and are certified in CPR, First Aid, Universal Precautions and Medication Administration. All staff have been cleared through the Central Registry database and Federal/Colorado Bureaus of Investigation. All of our teachers have Bachelor degrees in Early Childhood Education or related fields, and three are Director Certified in Early Childhood Education. We are proud of the advanced training that our staff continues to study in order to deliver the best possible preschool experience for your child!

Staff Biographies

Marilyn Jones | Director/Owner of The Children's Center for 7 years

Education:

Director Certification in Early Childhood Education through the State of Colorado, Undergraduate studies specializing in Music Education.

Additional Experience:

Preschool Director - Boulder Country Day School, Boulder, CO. 3 years

Teacher/Assistant Director and Music Specialist, Rainbow Tree Preschool, Broomfield, 4 years

Assistant Director and Music Specialist, Circle of Friends Preschool, St. Louis, MO. 7 years

Advanced Training through the National Association for the Education of Young Children includes: High Scope Curriculum, Reggio Emilia Curriculum, NAEYC Accreditation, Qualistar Rating Process, Managing Food Allergies, The Top 10 Traits of a Successful Director, Building Positive Relationships with Parents, Music for Preschoolers, Movement is Fun, Science in the Classroom, Literature and Music, How to Design and Implement a Creative Exercise Program for Preschoolers, Creative Drama, Prop Boxes, Stress Management in Children, Involving Children in Curriculum Decisions, Enhancing Children's Play, Helping Staff Meet Emotional Needs of Children and Parents, Conflict Resolution for Adults.

Lisa Heilman | Co-Director, Pre-K Teacher, The Children's Center, 6 years

Education:

Director Certification in Early Childhood Education through the State of Colorado
Bachelor Degree in Psychology and Behavioral Sciences

Advanced Training through the National Association for the Education of Young Children: Using Positive Discipline, Awesome Science, How to Write an Effective Lesson Plan, From Trash to Treasure, Almost DaVinci, Understanding Phonological Awareness, Your Place on the Planet, What is Active Learning?

Art and the Preschool Child, High Scope Curriculum, What Does this Say?, Helping your Child Diffuse Anger, Growing Respect, Incorporating Parents into the Classroom, Zoo Phonics.

Sarah Hurianek | Pre-K Teacher, Spanish Teacher, The Children's Center, 5 years

Education:

Director Certification in Early Childhood Education through the State of Colorado
Undergraduate Major in Early Childhood Education

Additional Experience:

Assistant Director: Children's World Learning Center 1 year

Preschool Teacher: Children's World Learning Center 5 years

Advanced Training through the National Association for the Education of Young Children and Children's World Learning Centers: Literacy-The Fun and Easy Way, Hands on Math and Science, Beginning to Read is Child's Play, Oral Language and Early Literature Development, Implementing Math Activities, Using Stories, Books and Dramatic Play to Teach Literacy, Zoo Phonics.

Allison Ogden | Pre-K Teacher, Zoo Phonics Specialist, The Children's Center, 1 year

Education:

Bachelor Degree in Family Relations and Child Development/Early Childhood Education

Additional Experience:

Teacher: Appletree Center, Broomfield, CO, 2 years

Substitute Teacher for Adams 12 School District, 3 years

Advanced Training: Zoo Phonics, Promoting Literacy in Young Children, Art Specialist in Early Childhood Education, Creative Learning, Active Learning Through Play, Phonics Based Projects in the Pre-K Classroom, Problem Solving in the Preschool Classroom.

Deb Wilson | Teacher, Age 3 Program, The Children's Center, 6 years

Education:

Bachelor Degree, Major in Special Education

Additional Experience:

Teacher: Rainbow Tree Preschool Teacher & Substitute Teacher, 1 year

Chums-N-Fun Child Care, Director/Owner, 7 years

Broomfield United Methodist Church, Childcare/Group Leader, 1 year

Advanced Training through the National Association for the Education of Young Children: Infancy and Childhood, Education for Exceptional Children, Preschool Literacy, Functional Fitness, Music for 4's and 5's, Liability and Safety Issues, Make and Take Learning Games, Creating Healthy Eating Attitudes, Children with Handicaps, Chicka, Chicka Kaboom! Science and Literature Connections, Language and Early Literacy; Playing with Words and Sounds

Judith Gale Pre-K Teacher, The Children's Center, First Year

Education:

Bachelor Degree, dual major in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education.

Additional Experience:

Elementary Education Teacher and Science Coordinator, The Academy of Our Lady of Peace School, Providence, New Jersey, 10 years.

Counselor for three year old summer camp program, Oak Knoll Academy, 2 years.

Advanced Training: Graduate level courses in Special Education, Hands on Math, Everyday Math, Hands on Science, Conflict Resolution, Early Intervention for Struggling Readers, Teaching the Difficult Student, Literacy and Writing for Early Childhood Educators, Guided Reading and Level II Certified Yoga Instructor for both children and adults.