

A Child's Garden

We are proud of our staff. They are a team striving everyday to give your children the very best care and learning experiences possible.

Our teachers and staff are very caring, motivated and positive. They use creativity and fun to help your children learn. Our new care givers receive formal training from our Coordinating Director and personal mentoring from our administrators and seasoned staff. Throughout their career at our school, our staff are challenged to develop new capabilities and be creative and fun.

Directors

Michele Linane, Director *Fairfield Location*

Michele began her Early Childhood Career at A Child's Garden after graduating from Norwalk Community College with her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education in 1993. She started as an assistant teacher in a three year old classroom and was promoted to Head Teacher in 1995. Michele has contributed much to the curriculum and program management of A Child's Garden which led to her promotions to Assistant Director in 1998 and Director in 1999. In 2009, Michele completed her Director's Credential in Early Care and Education from the State of CT.

Sandra Miklus, Director *Shelton Location*

Sandy began her career at A Child's Garden in 1999. She came to us with her Early Childhood Education and Experience. She began as an Assistant Teacher in a four year old classroom and at start of the 2000 school year was promoted to Head Teacher. On a personal note this is where she met her future husband and our current business manager Michael. Sandy's ability and knowledge of early childhood led her to a lead teacher position and a move to Shelton to assist with the opening of the new school. Sandy has been directing our Shelton location since 2006.

Lacy Gerardi, Director *Fairfield Location*

Lacy started in our three year old room as an Assistant Teacher and moved to our four year old program in 2009 as an Assistant Teacher. In the summer of 2010 she was promoted to Administrative Assistant and has been a true asset to the families and teachers. In the summer of 2010 she was promoted to Administrative Assistant and in 2015 she was promoted to Assistant Director. Her love for the children and professionalism make her a wonderful administrator.

Kate Dombrowski, Assistant Director *Shelton Location*

Kate came to us in 2010. She began as an Assistant Teacher in our Tiny Tot Classroom and soon after became a Head Teacher in our Preschool. In 2013 she was promoted to Administrative Assistant and was a welcomed addition to our office staff. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and has a wide variety of experience. Kate's genuine caring personality has helped foster the growth of many children in our program. Her highly organized and creative skills have helped us to develop our curriculum. In 2015 she earned the position of Assistant Director. Her positive attitude and knowledge continue to help us grow!

Lisa Brady, Special Education Consultant *Shelton Location*

Lisa came to us in October 2012. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Speech & Language as well as a Master's degree in Special Education. She is a certified teacher who has over 13 years of experience working with children ranging in ages from preschool through high school. This experience includes training in Behavior Management, Responsive Classroom, and running a sensory based classroom. Before coming to us Lisa left the classroom to become a Team Leader at her previous school. She continues to use this knowledge to develop our curriculum.

Administrative Assistants

Daisy Gonzalez – Administrative Assistant

Daisy started working as an Assistant Teacher in our Three Year Old room in August 2000. In 2009 she was promoted to Head Teacher. Daisy's great rapport with the children and families in her classroom led to her promotion to Administrative Assistant in August 2015. We know she will be an asset to all of the staff and families at A Child's Garden.

Kathy McManus, Administrative Assistant, Four Year Old Lead Teacher

Shelton Location

Kathy began her career with A Child's Garden in 2001 as an Assistant Teacher at the Fairfield location. In August 2003 she was promoted to a four year old Head Teacher. Kathy is a creative and enthusiastic teacher and was always willing to learn and do more. In 2005 she began assisting in the office and opening and closing the school on occasion. Kathy moved to our Shelton school for the start of the 2007-2008 school year as the Administrative Assistant. Kathy's understanding of early childhood and efficiency in the office is a great asset to our school.

Business Manager

Michael Miklus, Business Manager

Fairfield & Shelton Locations

Mike has worked with his family since 1991 starting as a summer camp counselor at the Mona Terrace location. "Mr. Mike" as he is known by the children has worked in many aspects of the schools; helping in classrooms; repairs at all schools and then assisting in the business office. Mike is now a partner in the business and handles much of the daily business operations.