

SONSHINE DAY TEACHERS

ORGANIZED BY CLASS AGE

THERESA ISLAM: LEAD TEACHER, INFANTS



Theresa is the lead teacher in our Infants room. She has worked in the Infants room at Sonshine for over 5 years and has been the lead teacher for 4 years. She is very passionate about meeting the individual needs of each child as well as serving their families. Theresa and her husband Jason have plans to foster newborns with the children's home society in the future.

KERYN RODRIGUEZ: LEAD TEACHER, INFANT A



Keryn works as the lead teacher in our infant A room. She has a bachelors degree in Buisness Administration and Accounting and is working towards her Florida Child Care Professional Credentials. Keryn is married and moved here from Puerto Rico three years ago. When she isn't working she enjoys traveling, cooking and having a good laugh.

JESS JOOS: LEADER TEACHER, INFANT B



Jessica works as our lead teacher in our infant B room. She has been working in child care for the past 25 years and 12 years at Sonshine Day. Jessica has a Child Development Associate Certificate, National Association of Corporate Directors, CPR, and First Aid Certifications. When she isn't working she enjoys reading and spending time with her large extended family.

ALEXIS CAMPBELL: ASSISTANT TEACHER, INFANT B



Alexis works as the Assistant teacher in the Infant B room. She previously worked at Sonshine from 2014-2018 and returned in April 2021. She was fortunate and excited to be back in the same classroom when she returned. When she isn't working at Sonshine, she enjoys painting.

REGINA TOLBERT: LEAD TEACHER, BABIES



Regina Tolbert is is the lead teacher in babies. She has been working in childcare for the past 26 years. Regina has worked at Sonshine for the last 24 years in various roles but excels in taking care of babies since she had been in our baby room for over 20 years. She is married, loves spending time in nature and enjoy listening to music.

TONYA JACKSON: ASSISTANT TEACHER, BABIES



STEPHANIE MELTON: AFTERNOON TEACHER, BABIES



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DANIELLE MANN, LEAD TEACHER TODDLER A



Danielle is our lead teacher in Toddler A. She has been working at Sonshine Day for the past 4 years. Danielle is currently working towards her CDA. She is married and enjoys taking care of her 3 dogs, taking portraits, refurbishing furniture, drawing and painting.

TIFFANY JOHNSON, ASSISTANT TEACHER, TODDLER A



Tiffany works as an assistant teacher in our Toddler A class. She has been working at Sonshine for the past 12 years and has an AA degree from Sante Fe College. When she isn't working she enjoys relaxing at home or spending time with family.

BECKY HAGOOD: LEAD TEACHER, TODDLER B



Becky works as the lead teacher in our Toddler B room. She is certified has a CDA and an associates degree. She has worked at Sonshine for the past 11 years. Becky is a big Disney fan and is a long time Florida resident while most of her family lives in Montana.

VICKIE BLOWERS: ASSISTANT TEACHER, TODDLER B



TRINITY FRAZIER: AFTERNOON TEACHER, TODDLER B



KIM DAFNEY: LEAD TEACHER TODDLER C



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JENNIFER KEMPTON: AFTERNOON TEACHER, TODDLER C



KATLYLN CARPENTER: LEAD TEACHER, 2A



Katlyn works at Sonshine as the lead teacher in one of our 2 year old classrooms. She is currently working on her college degree and she also has her Childhood Development Certificate (CDA). When she isn't working, she loves making crafts, fishing, trail riding and visiting with her nieces and nephews.

MADISON TATUN: ASSISTANT TEACHER, 2A



SAM WRIGHT: LEAD TEACHER, 2B



Sam is our lead teacher in our 2B class. She has worked at Sonshine since 2009 and is certified as a CDA. Sam has 3 children and when she's not working she enjoys resting at home, gardening, visiting Disney with with her family and traveling.

KIANA VALLEJO: ASSISTANT TEACHER 2B



Kiana works as our assistant teacher in 2B, she has a bachelors degree from Florida State University in Criminology and spent a year working at a law firm before changing career paths to work in childcare. She is brand new to Sonshine Staff and loves spending time with children. Working around kids makes her heart happy and full. When shes not at work, she enjoys spending time at home with her two dogs and seeing her extended family on the weekends.

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JACKIE TURNER: AFTERNOON TEACHER 2B



Jackie works as the afternoon teacher in one of our 2 year old classrooms. She has a BS degree in Early Childhood Education from Santa Fe College. Jackie has worked in early childhood for the past 24 years. She worked at Sunshine Day back in 1998 to 2002 and she started working with us again in 2020. She also works a Media Aide at Irby Elementary with the Alachua County School Board. When she isn't working she enjoys relaxing at home, going for bike rides and visiting new places.

FRANCENE SEPPEY: LEAD TEACHER, 3A



Francene is our lead teacher in our 3A class. She has a bachelors degree in Early Childhood Development and has 36 years of teaching experience. Francene has been working at Sunshine for the past 6 and a half years. Francene has 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren. When she isn't working she enjoys thrift shopping, watching movies and crafting.

VANESSA CHERENA: ASSISTANT TEACHER, 3A



Vanessa works as the assistant teacher in 3A and she has been working at Sunshine for the last year and half. Vanessa loves working with toddlers and the work she does at Sunshine Day. She has an AA degree and has been working in Early Childhood Education for the last 13 years. She is certified in CPR and also First Aid. When she isn't working she enjoys relaxing with friends.

SHARRON HARTMAN : AFTERNOON TEACHER, 3A



SAM STONE: LEAD TEACHER, 3B



Samantha Stone is the lead teacher in 3B. She has worked at Sunshine Day for the last 6 years. Sam has a BS degree in Early Childhood Education from Santa Fe College. She has been married for almost 2 years and has a sweet dog named Winston. When she is not working she loves to go running, relax at home and chill out by the pool with her best friend, Miller 2.

MAKENZIE THOMAS: ASSISTANT TEACHER, 3B



Makenzie works as our Assistant Teacher in our 3B class and has been working in childcare for the last six years. She has her CDA certificate and has been working at Sunshine Day for the last three months. Makenzie has been married for almost a year and has a sweet infant son.

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GABBI BENEFIELD: AFTERNOON TEACHER, 3B



Gabbi works in 3B as our afternoon teacher. She has been working in Early Childhood Education for the last 7 years. Gabbi also works for the National Alliance of Mental Illness and is very passionate about advocating for mental health and suicide prevention. In her free time, she enjoys going to the gym and writing.

MICHELLE CORDOVA: LEAD TEACHER, PRE-K A



Michelle is the lead teacher in our Pre-K A class. She has worked at Sonshine for the last 9 years and has worked in early childhood education for the last 21 years. Michelle also has an associates degree in Child Development. She has 4 adult children and 5 grand children.

AMY MCLENDON: ASSISTANT TEACHER, PRE-K A



Amy works as an assistant teacher in our PreK A class. She has over 10 years experience working with young children and has been working at Sonshine for the last 7 years. Amy was born and raised in Nova Scotia, Canada and when she isn't working she enjoys being with her family and traveling to see her extended family.

SIERRA RIMES : ASSISTANT/AFTERSCHOOL TEACHER, PRE-K A/B



Sierra works in two of our Pre-K classes and has been working at Sonshine for the past year. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education from Florida Gateway College. When she isn't working, she loves attending and serving in her church. Sierra has a heart for young people and teaching young girls.

CHRISSE WEED : LEAD TEACHER, PRE-K B



Chrissa works at Sonshine as the VPK teacher and also works as a after school teacher. Chrissa has been working at Sonshine since 2011. She has a BS degree in Elementary Education and is certified as a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Director. She has been married for 29 years and has 3 teenage sons.

VICKIE YOUNG : LEAD TEACHER, PRE-K C



Vickie works as our lead teacher in Pre-K C and has been working at Sonshine Day for the past 2 years. She has a masters degree from Bethany Seminary and a Bachelors degree from the University of Florida. Vickie has been working in education for the past 40 yers and has worked as a PreK teacher for 15 years. She has 5 grown children and 15 grandchildren.

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KIM GLOVER: ASSISTANT TEACHER, PRE-K C



Kim works as one of our assistant teachers in Prek C. She has been working at Sonshine for 10 years and has over 20 years of experience working in Early Childhood Education. Kim has been married for 31 years and has 5 grown children.

CARLA HARPER, ASSISTANT TEACHER, PRE-K C



Carla works as one of our Assistant Teachers in Prek C. She has over 20 years experience working in Early Childhood Education and has been working at Sonshine Day for the past 5 years. She is the mother of 3 including twin girls and one son.

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AFTER SCHOOL TEACHERS: K-5TH GRADE FROM MEADOWBROOK AND HIDDEN OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

HOLLIE HARRISON: AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Hollie graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelors degree in Portuguese and a minor in Latin Studies in 2014. Hollie works as the Afterschool and Summer Camp Supervisor and has worked at Sunshine Day for last 2 years. She also teaches music and Spanish in our Preschool classes. Hollie is married and has two children who both attend Sunshine Day. When Hollie isn't working she enjoys baking, cooking, and relaxing by the pool.

CHRISSA WEED: ASSISTANT AFTERNOON TEACHER



Chrissa has a bachelors degree in Elementary Education and works at Sunshine as a VPK teacher. She is certified as a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Director and has worked at Sunshine since 2011. Chrissa has been married for 28 years and has 3 teenage boys.

OTHER TEACHERS AND SUPPORT

TINA CHADWICK: BREAK SUPPORT/ FLOATER TEACHER



Tina works as a Floater at Sunshine and helps with break support for teachers, drop off in the morning and substitute teaching. She has been working at Sunshine for the past 10 years and originally the lead teacher in infants for 7 years. Tina has 3 adult children and has two grandsons.