

MEET THE CCC STAFF



Jackie Jenkins, CCC Program Director

I am thrilled to become a part of the CCC family and continue to bring you the same excellence in care, safety, and child development you have come to expect and enjoy!

A little bit of background on myself: I have been in Early Childhood Education for over 10 years. My first experience being at a child development center as an aide, and then a lead teacher. My next experience was as an education specialist in a head start setting supervising 3 classrooms and staff. And my latest experience has been as a Center Director at a head start center for 2 years. Along with my working experience, I earned my Master's Degree in education in 2016.

Education has always been my passion and especially with the younger children as I believe these are in many respects the most crucial and impacting years of a child's life. For this reason, I thoroughly love what I do and couldn't imagine doing anything else that is so rewarding and purposeful. Thank you for the privilege to serve you and the Church!



"Hi! My name is Alaina, and I'm 20 years old. I was born and raised here in the Traverse city area and graduated from Kingsley High School. I have 2 siblings, a younger brother and an older sister. I also have a boyfriend and a small fluffy dog.

I nannied for a family with 3 young kids for a summer and regularly volunteered at Single Moms before working at CCC. I love to cook and bake, and I obviously love working with children! I'm so honored to be a part of shaping the minds of all your amazing kiddos!"



Hello, I am Audrianah! I graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's of Science in Political Science. I was also the President of the CMU debate team. During my time in college I completed two teaching internships. In 2018, I spent the summer in Shanghai, China where I taught elementary through high school kids debate and public speaking. In 2019, I taught Communications 101 at the collegiate level.

I am the oldest of three, with a little brother and sister. I also have a boyfriend, dog, and cat. My hobbies include debate, baking, and scrapbooking.

I am thankful that I get to spend my day caring for and teaching the children of CCC. All of the kids are so special to me and it brings my heart joy when I see them learning, smiling, and playing. I look forward to seeing you and your little ones!



Hello, my name is Brittney Rokos. I am Ms. Lisa's assistant in Tiny Tots. Before working in childcare, I worked as a nurse aide for 6 years.

I really enjoy fishing, rock hunting, and reading. I have two boys, ages two and ten. I also have two cats and one dog. I am beyond happy to be a part of the CCC Family and work with all the wonderful kiddo's every day!



My name is Lisa Perreault. I am the Tiny Tots Lead Teacher here at the Community Children's Center. I have been working in the childcare field for the last 25 years. I earned my Preschool Center-Based Child Development Associate in 2006, then my Infant/Toddler in 2016. I have worked with students in this setting from six weeks to six years old. Prior to joining the CCC family, I was a CLS worker specializing in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder as well as providing respite care in my home for teens and young adults.

I have worked with children of many different abilities and backgrounds which helps me bring a special level of patience and understanding to my classroom. I strive daily to meet my students where they are and to see the world from their view.

Home Life: I have two children of my own. My sons are 18 and 19. We enjoy camping (old school in a tent-no camper for us). We love Star War, Marvel vs. DC, 90s cartoons, and anything to do with Big Foot, Yeti's or the Loch Ness Monster.



Hi! I am Ms. Coe. I am the Lead Teacher in Early Preschool. I have a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Central Michigan University.

My husband, Mr. David also works here at the church. We live on a small cherry farm just up the road. We do uppick cherries every summer. I have 2 grown sons and 2 wonderful teenage grandkids. I love to read, garden, cook and go camping.



My name is Leslie Steenhagen and I am the Lead Preschool 1 Teacher. I bring over ten years of experience working with children. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Ashford University in 2017.

I have always had a passion for teaching children since I was a little girl. I enjoy watching children grow and teaching them what they need to know.

In my free time, I enjoy putting puzzles together, taking walks, camping, and spending time with family and friends.



Hi! My name is Shari and I've been teaching 4-6 year olds at Community Children's Center for 15 years. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and Teaching from Michigan State University.

I lived in Zurich, Switzerland for 14 years. It was a great experience to teach kindergarten and second grade for 9 years at an international school. I also taught kindergarten at a German/English bilingual school for 4 years.

I'm glad I got to travel in my younger years since now I work here and take care of my mom. I'm really glad I live so close so I'm able to check in on my mom during my lunch break. Thank you for sending your children to us! I love teaching them and taking care of them!



Hi. My name is Ms. Heidi. I have worked at CCC since 2002. I love all the kids.

I have one older sister, and a 24 year old niece. I have two nephews and one on the way this month.

I moved here from Wisconsin. My mom and I moved to Traverse City when I was young. In my free time I like to hang out with my friends and family. I enjoy watching Netflix, Hulu, and TV.



Hello, my name is Madeline, or as most the kids call me Ms. Maddie! I have been working at CCC for almost 2 years now.

I graduated from St. Francis High School and began my journey as a Nanny. After a couple years of being a Nanny, I stumbled upon CCC. I am currently the Lead Teacher in Infants, and have loved every minute of it. I look forward to meeting all of my future families.

In my spare time I love to travel with my boyfriend and our two dogs. I am an avid plant lover and am obsessed with all things purple and glittery.



Hello! My name is Marci Suchomski. I am an assistant teacher in the Tiny Tots classroom. Prior to coming to CCC, I was a stay at home mom.

I am married to the love of my life, Rob, and have 3 children- Cadence (16), Sean (13), and Noah (4). We also have 2 dogs and 2 cats. A very full household! In my spare time (what is that again??), I like to cook, binge watch Netflix shows, and do painting and vinyl crafts with my Cricut. At CCC, I just love snuggling with all the little ones and helping them have a good day!



My name is Joscilyn Jenkins. I've been working with kids since I was 10 years old; my siblings, baby-sitting, nannying, and child care center settings.

I am 21 years old, and have a two-year old daughter named Juniper Rose. I love all the kids and love my job here at CCC. Teaching them principles and social skills is my main focus. Playing with them and encouraging their imagination is my favorite part. Communication is important to me and I will be very specific with you if there's anything you need/want to know.

I love to see parents involved with interest and would never discourage having a talk with you. Thank you to all our families. I thoroughly enjoy working and playing with your children each and every day.



Hello, I'm Margo Sirinne, and I absolutely love being a guest teacher here at CCC.

After retiring two years ago from West Middle School, where I taught 8th grade Language Arts for 29 years, I knew I wanted to find something else to do. Being here is the perfect solution.

I have a husband Bill, who is a retired architect, and now works for Comfort Keepers, three grown children (two boys and a girl) and eight grand children ranging in age from 7-19.

I love to travel, read, bake cookies, and hike at Hickory Hills. We have been members here at FCC since we moved here in 1978 from Ann Arbor. Go Blue! I sing in the choir and have traveled to Europe with them several times.

It continues to be a pleasure getting to know all your children, they have touched my heart in so many ways!



Hello, My name is Renee Suzawith. I was born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin. My family consists of myself, my adult son Adrian, my husband Brandon, and our one year old son Magnus. My husband has a wonderful job opportunity here and we are attracted to the beauty of Traverse City, so we decided to relocate. We are extremely excited about raising our family here.

I found my passion for working with very young children after the birth of my oldest son. I absolutely loved watching him grow and learn new things. There was nothing I loved to do more than to spend time with him. That's when I knew this was the best career choice for myself. I'm very passionate about what I do for a living. I provide a loving and caring environment where children feel safe and secure so that they can learn, grow, and thrive.

I graduated from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in May of 2006 and started my career with Encompass Early Education and Care; a local non-profit agency from my home town and I have been employed there up until now! I love helping the youngest of children reach some of those first big developmental milestones. If you ever have any questions or concerns while your child is in my care, please do not hesitate to talk with me. I'm grateful for this opportunity here at CCC and I look forward to getting to know your child and family.