



News You Can Use

Home Visiting – October 2024



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Meet the Home Visiting Team



Name: Danielle

Worked at Head Start: 1 year

Hobbie: Love photography and nature

Why I work in early childhood: I love to help little people and their families and see them grow and succeed.

Name: Kristyn

Worked at Head Start: 13+ years

Hobbie: Spending time in nature, browsing specialty shops, and reading.

Why I work in early childhood: I work in early childhood to be a witness to the stages of development, to share in the joy and laughter from children, and to support families with their child's development.



Name: Makenzie

Worked at Head Start: 3 years

Hobbies: Shopping and kayaking

Why I work in early childhood: I get the opportunity to help the whole family by connecting them to resources and providing support to families that will help them thrive.



Name: Latoya

Worked at Head Start: 1 year

Hobbies: Traveling and collecting t-shirts

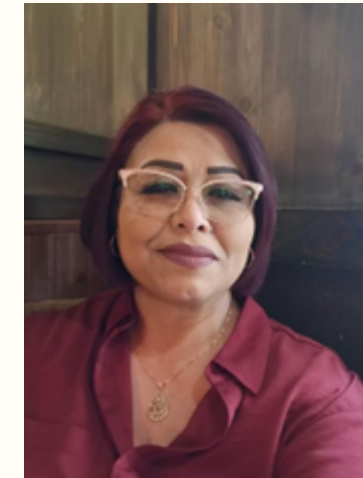
Why I work in early childhood: It may seem cliché, but children are our future and I like to invest in them to ensure it is bright. And I just love to see them grow, have new experiences and develop.

Name: Maria

Worked at Head Start: 3 years

Hobbies: I enjoy puzzles, coloring and word searches.

Why I work in early childhood: For the love of learning and supporting in the craft of early childhood education to the most important teachers children will have: their parents.



Name: Tara

Worked at Head Start: 8 years

Hobbies: I like to spend time with my family and take my kids to different parks.

Why I work in early childhood: I love watching children grow and watch them learning new skills.



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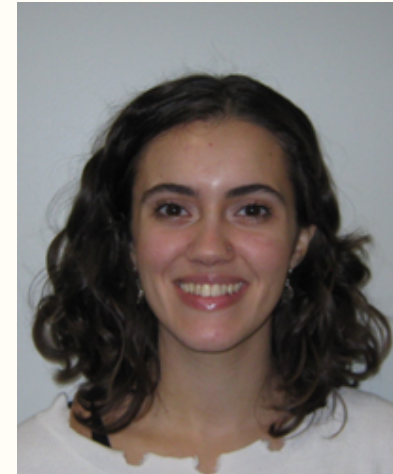


Name: Taitum

Worked at Head Start: 3 years

Hobbies: I love walks, reading, watching sports, I am an avid concert goer!

Why I work in early childhood: I love getting to support families in the early stages of their child's education, and help set them up for success in the future!



Name: Carina

Worked at Head Start: Almost 1 year!

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time outside (walking, hiking, gardening, etc.). Reading a good mystery book. Diving into some DIY home improvement and listening to podcasts. Exploring different creative outlets: watercolor painting, wood burning, etc.

Why I work in early childhood: As a home visitor, a primary goal for me is: empowering families with the knowledge and resources needed to help every child thrive.



Name: Demetrius (Demi)

Worked at Head Start: 8 months

Hobbies: I love to read and write, play Dungeons and Dragons, watch anime, bake, and discover new music.

Why I work in early childhood: I want to help families stay connected to one another and help parents find new ways they may not have considered to help their children grow while meeting the needs of the entire family.



Name: Meg

Worked at Head Start: 5 years

Hobbies: I love to read, go for walks, do puzzles, shop and play board games.

Why I work in early childhood: Watching children and parents learn alongside each other brings new experiences each day.





Free Holiday Gift Options

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots registration opens October 1st and goes through December 1st.

Visit their website here:

<https://grand-rapids-mi.toysfortots.org/local-coordinatorsites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>

Santa Claus Girls

Santa Claus Girls registration is now open.

For more than 114 years, the Santa Claus Girls have worked to make sure that no child age 12 or under in Kent County goes without a gift at Christmas.

Each gift includes a toy, a book, hats and mittens, and pajamas or blankets. The Santa Claus Girls rely on the donations from our community, which enables us to wrap and give presents to thousands of children each year.

- Click this link to and follow the steps on the website to register: <https://www.santaclausgirls.org/family-register/>
- Delivery day is Saturday, Dec. 14th. An adult aged 18+ must be home to accept the gifts. If you miss our driver, pickup is NOT available at a later date.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Playgroup @ Sylvan Head Start 10am - 12pm	9	10	11	12
13	14 HS4KC is closed No Visits	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Family Engagement Event @ Sylvan Head Start 10:00 - 11:15 am	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Playgroup @ Sylvan Head Start 10am - 12pm	31	1	2

In-home snack will be delivered by your Home Visitor



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Head Start for Kent County

HV Snack Menu

October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8 Playgroup: Sylvan @ 10:00-12:00 pm Hard Boiled Eggs; Wheat Thins	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
In- Home Snack Week Yogurt Peach Parfaits				
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30 Playgroup: Sylvan @ 10:00-12:00pm French Toast Sticks; Applesauce		

In-Home Snack Portions:
See Rebus Cards

Formula & Baby Food Available at Playgroup
Whole & Skim Milk Available When Served