

The following is an introduction of our Head Start and Early Head Start Staff, their experience, and how many years they have been with the Head Start & Early Head Start programs.

Melanie Gerber- Melanie has worked with the Early Head Start program as a Teacher for 21 years. She previously worked as a substitute teacher at the Ewen-Trout Creek Schools. She worked full time with an autistic 19 year old at Ewen-Trout Creek. She did volunteer work for the American Red Cross as a caseworker at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. She coached Junior High Girls Basketball for 16 years. Melanie has a BS in Social Work from Mt. Scenario College, Ladysmith, WI. and a AA from Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, MI.

Tina Caron- Tina has worked for the Early Head Start program as a Teacher for 21 years. She previously worked as a substitute Teacher's Aid for 1 year. Tina has a CDA. (Child Development Associates)

Patty Alexa- Patty has worked for the Head Start program as a Teacher for 14 years. She moved to the Early Head Start Program where she has been a teacher for 9½ years. She previously worked at a Christian Learning Center-Pre-school/Daycare as a Teacher/ Director. Patty has an AA in Early Childhood Education from Gogebic Community College.

Lara Caudill has worked with the Head Start/Early Head Start program as a Sub Teacher for 9 years. Lara was hired on as a full time Teacher for the Early Head Start program 6 year ago. Lara has a CDA (Child Development Associates)

Maria St. Ours- Maria has worked for the Early Head Start program as a Teacher for 5 years. She started as a Sub Teacher and then became full time after receiving her AA degree in ECE at GCC. Maria previously worked at Our Redeemer Child Care & Learning Center as a Teacher for 8 years.

Tabitha Amore- Tabby has worked as an Early Head Start Teacher since August of 2016. Tabby was not new to the program as she had worked here for years prior. While she was away she worked at a Childcare facility and continued her education. Tabitha has a CDA. (Child Development Associates)

Rebecca Tulppo- Rebecca has worked for the Early Head Start program as a Teacher for 6 years. Rebecca started as a Sub Teacher and after a year became full time. Rebecca has a Childcare certificate in Early Childhood Education from Gogebic Community College.

Misty Delich- Misty has worked as a Early Head Start Teacher for 4 years. She started as a Sub Teacher and became full time. Misty ran her own In-Home Daycare for 17 years. Misty felt she needed a switch to more structured learning environment. Misty has a AA in ECE from GCC.

Carla Wagner- Carla is on her 2nd year with Early Head Start as a Cook. She previously worked in a large public school as a Cook in Wisconsin for 13 years. She has held a Food Handling license for many years as well as various other trainings.

Janel Miskovich- Janel has worked with the Early Head Start program as a Bus Driver/Teachers Aid for close to 9 years now. Janel worked at the Ewen Trout Creek School for 9 years before she joined our team. Janel is currently working on obtaining her CDA. (Child Development Associate) Janel has a CDL.

Angela Mansfield-Angela has worked for the Head Start & Early Head Start programs for 9½ years as the Center Assistant. Angela had been a sub for the program for 5 years. Angela has a CDA. (Child Development Associate)

Tara Pallin- Tara had worked with the Early Head Start programs as a Teacher for 3 years. Tara took over the job as the Early Head Start Coordinator where she has been for 5 years. She previously was a Director/Teacher in a program for 4 years. She has been a nanny, and worked as a Teacher in a YMCA. She has 3 children. Tara has an AA in Early Childhood.

Charlene Pullen- Charlene has worked for the Head Start program as a Teacher for 16 years. She previously worked as a substitute teacher for 7 years grades Pre-School to 12th grade. She did in-home Daycare in her own home. She worked as a children's church worker for 20 years ages 3-12. Charlene has a BA in Elementary Education, 2 minors in English & Social Studies, and 11 credits towards her Masters degree in Special Education/Early Childhood Language Development.

Tina Werkmann- Tina is on her 2nd year working for the Head Start program as a Cook. Tina previously worked for Gogebic Lodge for 16 years holding many positions, one being a cook for over 8 years. Tina has her Serve Safe certificate.

Angelina Schultz- This is Angelina's first year as the Head Start Bus Driver/Teachers Aid. Angelina has a CDL and is working on obtaining her CDA. (Child Development Associates)

Frank Young- Frank has worked with the Head Start and Early Head Start programs since August of 2016 as the Ojibwe Language Instructor. Frank is very excited about working with the children, staff, families, and community.

Jean Sikkila- Jean has worked with the Early Head Start program as a Cook for 11 ½ years. She retired in the summer of 2015, then ever so graciously came back to be a Sub Cook and a Sub Teacher for the last year. She previously worked in ordering, inventory control, ect..in retail management for LVD. Jean has her Food Handlers certificate.

Pat Brown- Pat has worked for the Head Start and Early Head Start programs for 10 years as a Sub Cook and the past year as a Sub Teacher and Sub Cook.

Tara Brownelle- Tara has worked for the Head Start and Early Head Start programs for close to a year as a Sub Teacher.

Angela Libertoski- Angie had worked for the Head Start & Early Head Start programs as a Center Assistant, Teacher, and currently as the Head Start Coordinator for 18 years. She previously was a Daycare provider at Indianhead Mt. Resort; she worked at PPI Park Elementary, Wakefield Elementary School Kindergarten classroom volunteer, Jacobetti Head Start, and Carry Hall Head Start. Angie has an AA from Gogebic Community College and a BA in Pre-school and Family Life from Northern Michigan University.

Constance Ursitti- Connie has worked for the Head Start & Early Head Start programs for 26 years. She was trained on the job. Connie has a GED and has a college credit in Computers from Gogebic Community College.

Sheri Codd- Sheri had worked for the Head Start & Early Head Start programs as a Disability Aid, Teacher, Acting Lead Teacher, Acting Assistant Director, and currently as the Center Director for 20 years. She previously worked as a Pre-School Head Teacher at New Horizons Daycare Center in Eden Prairie, MN. She was a Student Teacher at Sleight School in Ironwood, MI. and Ewen, MI. She was a Camp Counselor at Gogebic Community College Summer Basketball Camp for 1 year and an Elementary Basketball Coach for the Ewen-Trout Creek 3rd and 4th grade girls for 2 years. Sheri has an AA in Early Childhood Education.

You may reach any staff member at their following extensions.

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Tina Caron	Early Head Start Teacher	ex. 5115
Patty Alexa	Early Head Start Teacher	ex. 5114
Lara Caudill	Early Head Start Teacher	ex. 5113
Maria St. Ours	Early Head Start Teacher	ex. 5120
Tabitha Amore	Early Head Start Teacher	ex. 5115
Rebecca Tulppo	Early Head Start Teacher	ex. 5113
Misty Delich	Early Head Start Teacher	ex. 5120
Carla Wagner	Early Head Start Cook	ex. 5120
Janel Miskovich	Early Head Start Bus Driver	ex. 5119
Angela Mansfield	Center Assistant	ex. 5123
Tara Pallin	Early Head Start Coordinator	ex. 5126
Charlene Pullen	Head Start Teacher	ex. 5119
Tina Werkmann	Head Start Cook	ex. 5120
Angelina Schultz	Head Start Bus Driver/Aid	ex. 5123
Frank Young	Ojibwe Language Instructor	
Angela Libertoski	Head Start Coordinator	ex. 5118
Connie Ursitti	Administrative Assistant	ex. 5122
Sheri Codd	Center Director	ex. 5125

We also have 5 terrific Foster Grandparents that come and help our Teachers daily. They are such a great addition to our program! Miigwech, Grandma Donna, Grandma Judy, Grandma Daisy, Grandma Annabelle, and Grandma Margaret. We all appreciate you so much!