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CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Staff Spotlight



My name is Michelle Shaffer. I was born and raised in Davenport, Iowa. I went to Davenport

North high school. I graduated and began my journey to obtain an AA in Social Work and a BA in Social & Behavioral Science. I have worked in the medical, retail, technical support, health insurance, and pharmacy industries since graduating. I was in the Army; I was honorably discharged in 1999. I moved to Arizona in 2004, I obtained my Masters in Business Administration and in Management at UOP. I have lived off and on until recently due to COVID-19 in Arizona.

I decided in 2014, that I was tired of working for corporations. I started working as a paraprofessional in Special Education and then obtained my substitute license and taught in AZ public schools. I love teaching because there is always something different occurring in the classroom, it is a very rewarding and humbling job. I love it when children learn new concepts and smile.

Letter from the Director

Saying "Good Job" to our Kids Isn't Enough

"Good job" is often an automatic response to a child's action or something they've created. Saying it occasionally is okay, but it doesn't help them understand why what they did was good. Young children need to know more specifically what they did, why it worked, or why it shows they are capable.

[Check out these suggestions](#) for some specific and detailed information that recognizes their achievement and encourages learning!

-Pat Allison

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Thank You

We would like to thank the **Girl and Boy Scouts of the Quad cities** for sending fun and educational projects for our school-age children to work on during this time!

