

# SONSHINE DAY TEACHERS

ORGANIZED BY CLASS AGE

## THERESA ISLAM: LEADER TEACHER, INFANTS



Theresa is the lead teacher in our Infants room. She has been working at Sonshine for the past 4 years. Theresa has been married for 22 years and has 2 grown children. When she isn't working, she enjoys baking, flower gardening, the beach, and spending time with friends and family.

## KERYN RODRIGUEZ: LEADER TEACHER, INFANT A



Keryn works as the lead teacher in our infant A room. She has a bachelors degree in Business 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 is certified as a Child Development Associate, National Association of Corporate Directors, CPR, and First Aid. When she isn't working she enjoys reading and spending time with her large extended family.

## STEPHANIE RODGERS: ASSISTANT TEACHER, INFANT B



Stephanie is the assistant teacher in our infant B room. She has worked at Sonshine for 2 years and has an associates degree in Elementary Education from SanteFe College. She plans to finish her bachelors degree at UCF and teach full time. Stephanie has been working in child education for many years and has experience serving in Americorps, serving as a Guardian Ad Litem, substitute teaching and nannying. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her daughter and roller blading.

## REGINA TOLBERT: LEAD TEACHER, BABIES



Regina Tolbert is the lead teacher in babies and has 26 years of childcare experience. She has worked at Sonshine for the last 24 years. She is married and loves nature and enjoys music.

## SARA CLEETON: ASSISTANT TEACHER, BABIES



Sara works as an assistant teacher in our babies class. She has worked at Sonshine for the past year and has worked in childcare for the past 2 years. Sara has her AA degree in Psychology and when she isn't working she enjoys sewing.

## DANIELA PICOLI: AFTERNOON TEACHER, BABIES



Daniella is afternoon in our babies room. She graduated the University of Florida in 2016 and has been working at Sonshine for the past 4 years. Daniela can speak fluent Portuguese and has an identical twin sister that also works at Sonshine Day.

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## VANESSA CHERENA LEAD TEACHER TODDLER A



Vanessa works as our lead teacher in our Toddler A class. She has been working at Sonshine Day for the last year and half and really enjoys working with Toddlers. She has an AA degree and has been working in Early Childhood Education for the last 13 years and is certified in CPR and First Aid. When Vanessa isn't working she enjoys relaxing with friends.

## 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 a 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 as a Child Development Associate and also has 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.

## DANIELLE MAN: ASSISTANT TEACHER, TODDLER B



Danielle is our assistant teacher in Toddler B. She has been working at Sonshine Day for the past 3 years. Danielle is currently working towards her Child Development Associate Certification. She is married and enjoys taking care of her 3 dogs, taking portraits, refurbishing furniture, drawing and painting.

## GABBI BENEFIELD: AFTERNOON TEACHER, TODDLER B



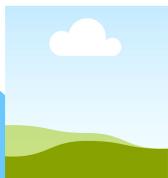
Gabbi works in Toddler B as our afternoon teacher. She has been working in Early Childhood Education for the last 6 years. Gabbi also works for the National Alliance of Mental Illness and is very passionate about advocating for mental health and suicide prevention. In her free time, she enjoys going to the gym and writing.

## PATTY LALLY: LEAD TEACHER, TODDLER C



Patty works as the Lead Teacher in our Toddler C class. Patty has a bachelors degree in Psychology and also a teaching certification in Social Science. She also has been working at Sonshine for the past 6 years as one of our teachers. she is one of nine children and when Patty isn't working she enjoys spending time with her family.

## JENNIFER SALDIVIA: ASSISTANT TEACHER TODDLER C



Jennifer works as an assistant teacher in our Toddler C class and has been working at Sonshine for the past 2 years. She is from Venezuela and Spanish is her first language. Jennifer received her English certification from Sante Fe College and she plans to her degree in Business Administration next spring. When she isn't working, Vanessa enjoys being out in nature and going for walks.

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## ISABELA PCOLI: AFTERNOON TEACHER, TODDLER C



Isabela is an afternoon teacher in Toddler C. She graduated from the University of Florida in 2016 and has worked in Sonshine for the past 4 years. She was born in Brazil and lived there for part of her childhood. She also has an identical twin sister who also works at Sonshine Day.

## PAMELA BASTANSTI: LEAD TEACHER, 2A



Pamela works at Sonshine as the lead teacher in one of our 2 year old classrooms. She has been working in childcare for the last 20 years and is certified as a Child Development Associate. Pamela has been working at Sonshine for the last 2 years. She is married, has three children and a sweet fur baby named Renegade.

## JENNIFER CESPEDES: 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 Child Development Associate. Sam has 3 children and when she's not working she enjoys resting at home, gardening, visiting Disney with her family and traveling.

## HOLLIE HARRISON, ASSISTANT TEACHER 2B



Hollie works as an assistant teacher in 2B at Sonshine and has been with our Sonshine team since March of this year. Hollie graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelors degree in Portuguese and a minor in Latin Studies in 2014. Hollie is married and has one daughter and is currently expecting a son! When Hollie isn't working she enjoys baking, cooking, and relaxing by the pool.

## JACKIE TURNER: AFTERNOON TEACHER 2B



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## FRANCENE SEPPY: 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 Sonshine for the past 5 and a half years. Francene has 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren. When she isn't working she enjoys thrift shopping, watching movies and crafting.

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## HANNAH HURLSTON: ASSISTANT TEACHER, 3A



Hannah works as the assistant teacher in our 3A classroom. She has an associates degree in Early Childhood Education and is certified in Intervention. Hannah has been working at Sonshine for the past 4 and has 5 years teaching experience. When she isn't working she enjoys reading, sports, music and llamas.

## SAM STONE: LEAD TEACHER, 3B



Samantha Stone is the lead teacher in 3B. She has worked at Sonshine Day for the last 4 years. Sam is currently working on her bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education and will graduate next spring from Sante Fe College She is about to celebrate her first year of marriage and when she is not working she loves to play with her new puppy, Winston.

## KATLYN CARPENTER: ASSISTANT TEACHER, 3B



Katlyn works as an assistant teacher in 3B at Sonshine. She is currently working on her college degree and she is certified as a Child Development Associate (CDA). When she isn't working, Katlyn enjoys making crafts, fishing, trail riding, and visiting with her neice and nephews.

## 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 8 years and has worked in early childhood education for the last 20 years. Michelle also has an associates degree in Child Development. She has 4 adult children and 5 grand children.

## AMY MCCLENDON: 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 6 years. Amy also has an AA degree and certificate in Early Childhood Education. 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 TEACHER/AFTERNOON TEACHER, PRE-K A/PRE-K B



Sierra Rimes works in two of our PreK 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 loves mentoring and teaching young girls.

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## CHRISSE WEED: LEAD TEACHER/AFTERNOON TEACHER, PRE-K B



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

## VICKIE YOUNG: LEAD TEACHER, PRE-K C



Vickie works as our lead teacher in PreK C and has been working at Sonshine Day for the past 2 years. She has a master's degree from Bethany Seminary and a bachelors degree from the Univeristy of Florida . Vickie has been working in education for the past 40 years and has worked as a PreK teacher for 15 years. She has 5 grown children and 15 grandchildren.

## KIM GLOVER: ASSISTANT TEACHER, PRE-K C

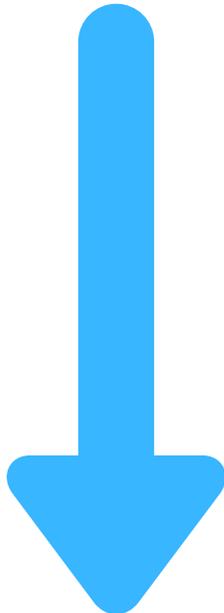


Kim works as one of our assistant teachers as part of our VPK program. She has been working at Sonshine Day for 9 years and has over 20 years experience working in Early Childhood Education. Kim has been married for 30 years, has 5 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

## CARLA HARPER: ASSISTANT TEACHER, PRE-K C



Carla works as one of our Assistant Teachers as part of our VPK program. She has over 20 years experience in Early Learning Education and has been working at Sonshine Day for the past 5 years. She is a 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

## EMILY NAYLOR: AFTERSCHOOL AND DAYCAMP DIRECTOR



Emily works at Sonshine as a lead teacher for our after school program. She has been working at Sonshine since spring this year. Emily has a bachelors degree from the University of Central Florida in Technical Education and Industry Training. She has four children, loves singing, dancing and enjoys reading.

## CHRISSE WEED: ASSISTANT AFTERSCHOOL TEACHER



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

## SOPHIA SPEIGHTS: ASSISTANT AFTERNOON TEACHER



Sophia works as one of our assistant teachers with our Afterschool program. She is new to the Sonshine Staff and has been working since August of this year. She is currently a college student and is enrolled in Santa Fe College with plans to transfer to UF and study Childhood Education. Outside of work she enjoys visiting local coffee shops and relaxing with friends.

## OTHER TEACHERS AND SUPPORT

### KATIE EDMOND: PICK-UP, SNACKS AND BREAK SUPPORT



Katie wears a couple different hats here at Sonshine. She helps with our afternoon kids, provide break support for other teachers and helps with daily snacks. Katie has a bachelors degree from the University of Florida and has worked at Sonshine since February this year. Katie is married and has one son. When she isn't working, she enjoys hunting, fishing and being outdoors.

### ANGELICA MARTINEZ: PICK-UP, AND BREAK SUPPORT



Angelica works as a Floater at Sonshine Day and has a variety of jobs. She helps with break support, or drop off and pick up, and substitute teaching if needed. She is a college student currently working towards her bachelors degree in Architecture. Angelica has been working at Sonshine for the past 2 years. When she isn't working she enjoys playing with her cat, Akira, eating ice cream and relaxing with family.

### TINA CHADWICK: DROP OFF AND BREAK SUPPORT



Tina works as a Floater at Sonshine and helps with break support for teachers, drop off in the morning and substitute teaching. She has been working at Sonshine for the past 10 years was originally the lead teacher in infants for 7 years. Tina has 3 adult children and is about to have her second grandson.