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Aleida Vitolo

A Kid's World Preschool & Daycare

Aleida Vitolo has been the Owner/Administrator of A Kid's World Bilingual Preschool and Childcare LLC since 1998. Born in Guatemala, she came to the United States 32 years ago.

Aleida's background is in bilingual early childhood education and special education, including autism. She shares that for her, working with children is more than a profession - it is a lifetime calling. "I believe every child must be treated as an individual, and must be loved and respected," she said. "Therefore, I am highly committed to my mission: to provide every child with an environment where they are loved and feel safe, healthy, and happy through positive guidance."

In addition to A Kid's World, Aleida has served on the Board of Directors for Iona Prep and The Ursuline School and is active in her church, serving on the Kids Connect committee, registering children for Sunday services. She loves to travel with her husband of 26 years, her son Sebastian, and daughter Sophia. She enjoys the outdoors and gardening, and the company of family and friends.





Byron Smalls

City of White Plains Youth Bureau

Byron Smalls, Educational Coordinator, at the White Plains Youth Bureau, is a lifelong resident of Westchester whose family has been here for many generations, and has a great love for his community. He attended college at Norfolk State and SUNY Purchase, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Purchase. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Metropolitan College of New York, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

After college, Byron worked in the film industry and private sector for a time before settling into his true calling, which is working with children and youth. He worked for many years as a part of the teaching staff at Ridgeway and Church St. elementary schools in White Plains before joining the White Plains Youth Bureau. There, Byron has directed programs and projects too numerous to list, including the Bits n Pieces Summer Tutorial Camp, the Saturday Academy program, and the After School Program where he has served as a teacher, program director, coordinator and Department Head. He served as the Scout Reach coordinator for the City of White Plains Youth Bureau, introducing over a hundred boys to the world of scouting. He helped create and direct the Youth Bureau's 21st Century-funded elementary and middle school program Club Excel, and has helped secure millions of dollars in grant monies to help support programs for the city of White Plains.

For many years, Byron has been an active participant and leader in the Child Care Council's School Age Director's Network, where he served as Vice President and President for many years. Byron was the longest serving member on the Board of Directors of the Child Care Council of Westchester, and was the recipient of the prestigious Joey Award, honoring people for distinguished contributions to the field of child care in Westchester. Byron was selected several years ago by the National After School Alliance to serve as one of eighteen Afterschool Ambassadors in the United States.

Byron is an active member of the Ridgeview Congregational Church, The Gedney Farms Neighborhood Association, and the National Association of Black School Educators. As a member of the Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., he has served on numerous committees, including as chairman of the Scholarship Committee. In 2006 he received the Basileus Award from Omega Psi Phi for outstanding work and ongoing commitment to the youth and families in Westchester.



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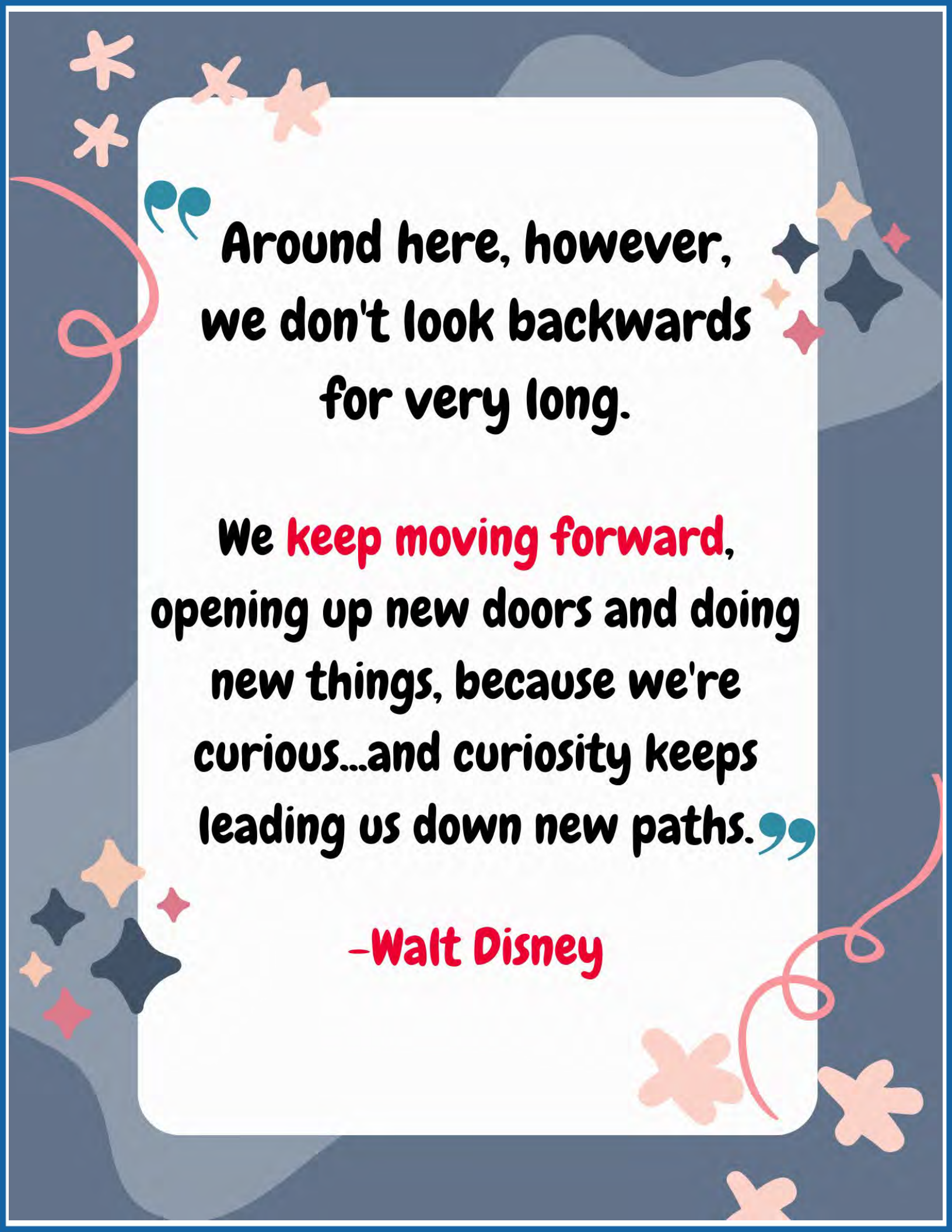
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for very long.

We **keep moving forward**,
opening up new doors and doing
new things, because we're
curious...and curiosity keeps
leading us down new paths.”

-Walt Disney





Cynthia Bolding Blessed Beginnings Childcare

Cynthia Bolding is the owner of Blessed Beginnings Childcare, Inc., a group family child care program with three locations in Mt. Vernon. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. She was enjoying a career in computer repair and programming 20 years ago when she decided she wasn't quite ready to return to the office following the birth of her youngest child. And so, Blessed Beginnings Childcare was born. Cynthia thought she would go back to her IT career when her son got older, but quickly discovered that she enjoys helping children grow, develop and build a solid foundation to be more successful in school.

Cynthia loves to be of service and to help the child care industry. She helps fellow child care providers establish and grow their businesses, and serves as the CSEA/VOICE Chapter Union Rep for Westchester and Putnam counties. She also serves on a Subsidy Advisory Committee for the Westchester County Department of Social Services.





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and for doing a whole awful lot for our
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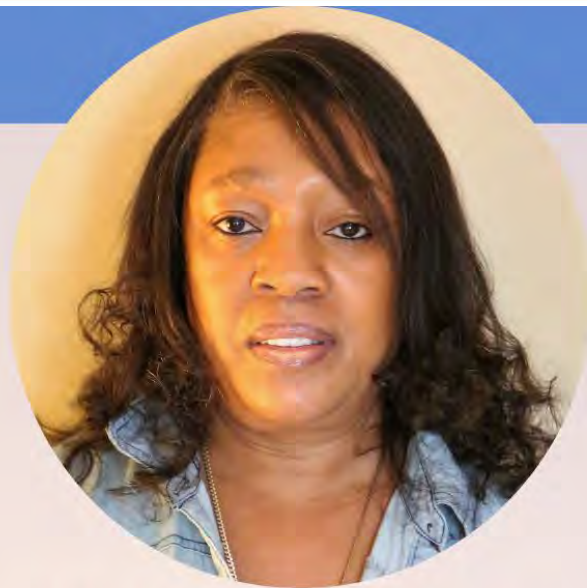
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-Iron Man





The 2019 Inaugural Class sends a huge congratulations to the 2022 Early Education Hall of Heroes Honorees!



Deloris Hogan Dee's Tots Child Care

Deloris (Hayes) Hogan, Co-Owner of Dee's Tots Child Care, was born in Mississippi, one of six children, and moved to NY in 1970. Just four years later, while living in New Rochelle, she set eyes on her future husband for life, Patrick, for the first time. The couple first wed in 1985, then renewed their vows in 1995. They have four children: Jacquetta (mother of Jadeleana, aka Jelli), Randy (father to Chayse), Jacarra (who works in the family business), and Izaiah.

Deloris' career in child care began while the family was living in a basement apartment, when a friend asked her to help her out with her child for a few days while she recuperated after an accident. In 1992, they bought a house on Lincoln Avenue, and have been providing care seven days a week in the "decorated house on the hill on Lincoln" ever since. Throughout their 37 years in business, the Hogan's have had hundreds of families walk through their doors. They continue to thank each one of them for entrusting them, and all home-based providers, with their most precious gift: their children. Deloris, known as Nunu to the children and families she serves, understands the awesome responsibility she has assumed when a parent agrees to enroll their child in Dee's Tots. "Once that happens, their child now becomes my child," she said. "And your family becomes my family. We nurture and teach. We keep them safe. And we love them!"

About five years ago, Deloris was approached by Loira Limbal, Director/Producer for Firelightmedia to do a documentary on the 24-hour daycare world. The documentary, *Through the Night*, was selected to "World Premiere" at the 2020 Tribeca Film Festival. Many awards followed from film festivals across the country (2021-Best Social Impact Film - Greenwich International Film Festival, 2020-Human Rights Awards from the Hampton's Documentary Festival, 2020 DOC NYC Special Jury Recognition for Ethic of Care Award, and many others). The documentary was also nominated for the 2020 NAACP Image Award- Outstanding Breakthrough Creative (Motion Picture) and was a New York Times Critics Pick. In 2021, Deloris and Patrick became Early Learning PBS Champions. May 10, 2021, the documentary was viewed nationwide on PBS/OPV Television Broadcast Premiere. *Through the Night* has also been shown in Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Colombia, England, Ireland and Norway.

"I would like to give a special thanks to our team: Jacarra Hogan, Joscelyn James, Sharon Mercer, Margaret Spencer, Victoria Wilbon, and Caron Kerr. Past team members: Pamela Williams, Kingsley Bernard, KinAsia Koonce, Sandra Mercer, Nunu's Sister-in-Law, Barbara Hayes, who passed January 2019, Nunu's Sister, Gloria Hayes, who passed February 2019. And a special moment for Nunu's mother, Ida Mae Hayes, who passed December 2011. Love you all!





Patrick Hogan Dee's Tots Child Care

Patrick Hogan, Co-Owner of Dee's Tots Child Care, is a lifelong New Rochelle resident. In 1974, unbeknownst to him at first, he met his future wife for life, Deloris. Patrick and Deloris first wed in 1985, then renewed their vows in 1995. They have four children: Jacquetta (mother to Jadeleana aka Jelli), Randy (father to Chayse), Jacarra (who works with in the family business), and Izaiah.

Patrick started working for the New Rochelle Community Action Agency and landed a position with Barclays Bank in 1974. After 18 years with Barclays, working as a Messenger, Area Supervisor of the 24hr Messenger Dept, Proof & Transit Supervisor & Manager, and Third Shift Manager of Computer Operations, Patrick came home to work full-time with Deloris in their daycare business, Dee's Tots. He is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church where he was a Trustee and Church Treasurer, a member of V.O.I.C.E. CSEA Local 100A, and was on the first team that negotiated the first ever childcare provider union in New York State. (Learn more about Dee's Tots in Deloris' bio!) He asked to include a special acknowledgment for his father, Willard E. Hogan (May 1989) and mother, Leona M. Hogan (October 2021).





Congratulations Michelle!

Thank you for all that you do
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Love,
Chris, Angela, Stella, Clara,
and Lorenzo Giusti

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Love,

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Ester Aguzzi

Country Kids Schoolhouse

In 1996, with a dream and a passion for children's education, Ester Aguzzi founded Country Kids Schoolhouse. Throughout the past 27 years, Country Kids Schoolhouse has grown from one licensed classroom to three classrooms serving children aged 2 to 5, and their families. Ester's dream for Country Kids Schoolhouse was to establish and nurture children's connections to nature through a thoughtful and creative approach to education that takes place both inside and outside the classroom. She has created multiple outdoor classrooms, inspiring play areas, thriving flower, vegetable, and herb gardens, plus a barnyard full of farm friends to enhance the children's hands-on learning and wonder about the surrounding natural world. Ester enjoys spending her days with the children at Country Kids Schoolhouse. It's her passion and mission to create rich and rewarding play-based learning experiences tailored to every unique little person.



Gina D'Amore

Harrison Children's Center

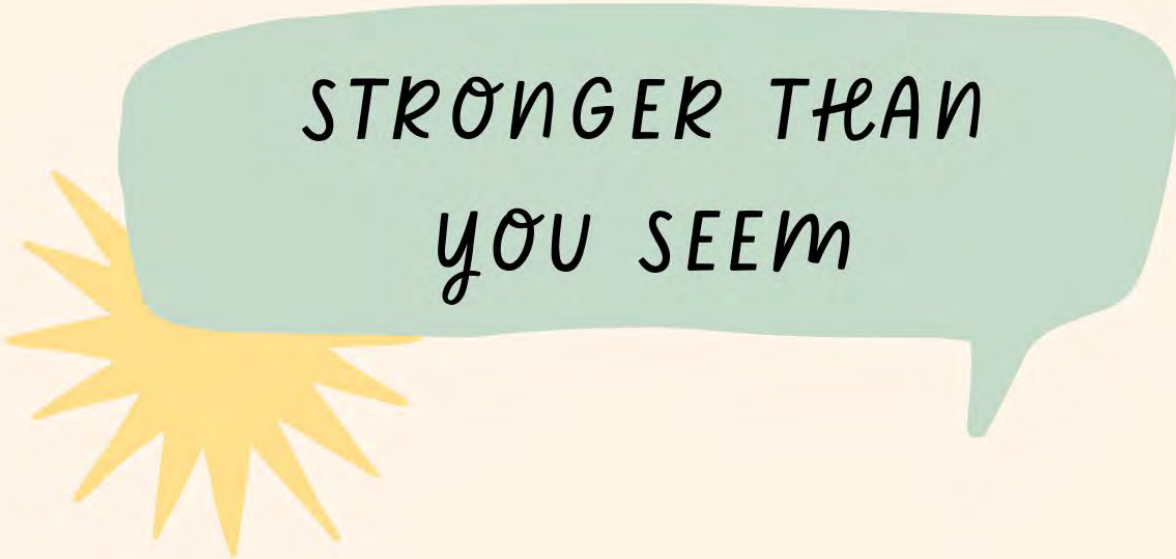
Gina D'Amore, Director of Harrison Children's Center @ Parson's After School Program, has always worked with children, starting as a babysitter in her early teens. While in college, she spent time volunteering with the America Reads program in the inner city of Albany and teaching weekend enrichment programs. While home for breaks and summers, she worked at a local after school program. Gina has a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with a middle school extension and a master's degree in creative teaching and learning, with a specialization in gifted education. After college, she went on to teach in both public and private schools as an elementary school teacher. She also worked as a learning specialist and gifted/enrichment teacher for grades pre-k through 8. When her son was born, she stepped away from teaching to be a stay at home mom. Three years later, she welcomed a daughter. During that time, she worked a few days a week assisting her mother at her after school program (the Harrison Ave. After School program). She then became the Director of the Parsons After School Program, where she has worked for six years. This allows her the flexibility to be involved in many different projects and programs.

She is a member and co-treasurer of the SADN (School Age Director's Network) at the Child Care Council, has served as the PTSA Head of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) for the Lower Elementary School for the past three years, co-leads the 6th grade affairs team, and has been a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee for two years. Gina says that one of her favorite things is being a class mom for both of her children's classes each year! She feels very blessed and is thankful to have the most supportive husband, two amazing children and the best family!





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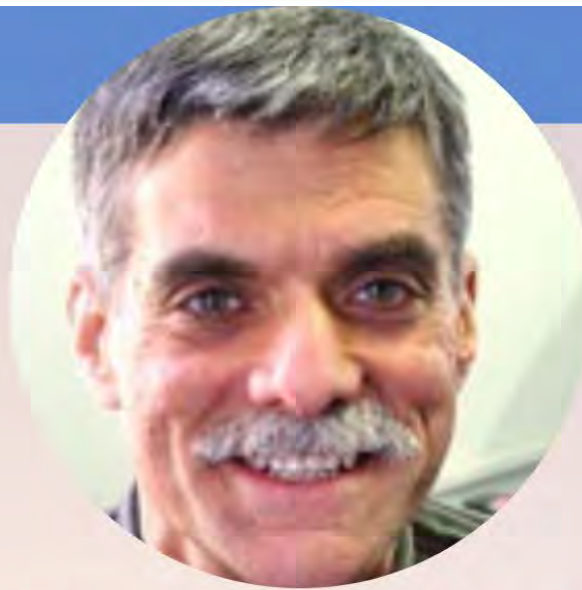


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Howard Milbert

Ossining Children's Center

Executive Director of the Ossining Children's Center (OCC) since 1985, Howard Milbert heads a large not-for-profit child care center, one of the oldest day care centers in the country (founded in 1895). He is known throughout New York State as a leading voice for high-quality child care and early childhood education.

At OCC, Howard oversees educational child care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary school-age children. The current enrollment is 160 children. Thanks to Howard's leadership, the Ossining Children's Center has earned an outstanding reputation for its child-centered philosophy, its individualized approach to teaching and child care, and its signature enrichment programs. At the same time, he has maintained the Center's commitment to tuition assistance for low- and moderate-income working families, despite the caprices of the economy and government funding. Howard oversaw the Center's expansion into infant and toddler care in 1996 (which included the creation of a program for teen mothers), the establishment of OCC's Pre-K partnership with the Ossining Public Schools, and the building of OCC's new state-of-the-art school, which opened in November of 2020.

The aforementioned program for teen mothers provides child care, parent coaching, and mental health support for teen parents, enabling them to finish high school; the program is a collaboration with Ossining High School and Westchester Jewish Community Services. Many of OCC's former teen mothers have gone on to college and some have gone on to graduate school. In another partnership with the Ossining Public Schools, OCC provides three sections of the School District's Full-Day Universal Pre-K, with the added convenience of before- and after-school care to meet the needs of working parents.

In 2017, the OCC Board determined – after a feasibility study – that the Center needed a new physical plant. In partnership with the Board and senior staff, Howard began work on a Capital Campaign to raise the funds to design and build a new child care and education center. After having raised more than \$19 million, OCC opened its new award-winning building in November of 2020.

Howard's devotion to the children and families entrusted to OCC's care is matched by his commitment to advocating for high-quality, affordable child care for all. He is co-president of the Westchester Early Childhood Directors Association, a former co-chair of the New York State Association of Directors of Not-for-Profit Child Day Care Centers, and a former Board member of the New York State Early Care and Learning Council. He has testified many times at New York State legislative and administrative hearings on child care and/or early childhood education.

Since coming to OCC in 1985, every year Howard has organized OCC families to attend and show support for child care at Westchester County's annual budget hearings. In addition, during times when child care was on the chopping block, he worked closely with the Child Care Council and Westchester Children's Association to organize rallies; he engaged local clergy in advocacy, and he facilitated letter-writing and call-in campaigns. During last fall and winter's push for major increases in County and State child care funding, he spent hours on the phone calling OCC board members and day care directors throughout Westchester to encourage them to call their legislators.

Before coming to OCC in 1985, Howard was a teacher at United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. He earned an Advanced Certificate in Administration and Supervision from City College of New York, an M.S. in Special Education from Hunter College, and a B.A. in History from New York University.





Kathy Lynam

Rye YMCA (ELC Program)

Kathy Lynam has been a highly-respected member of the Rye YMCA's staff since 2003. In her current role as Senior Program Director for Family, Camp and Child Care, she oversees all aspects of the Rye Y's child care programs, including licensing, hiring, budgeting, supervision of senior staff, grant-writing and day to day operations.

The Y's child care programs include:

- The Early Learning Center (full-day licensed child care for ages 18 months-5 years).
- After School Adventures (licensed after school care at two locations for grades K-6)
- Pre-School Enrichment Program (half-day, morning or afternoon for ages 3-5)
- Summer Camp (full day and extended camp at two locations for ages 3-14 throughout the summer).

In total, these programs employ approximately 240 full and part-time staff members and serve approximately 550 toddlers, children and teens.

Kathy has been instrumental in the recent expansion of the Y's child care programs, including the Early Learning Center (launched in October 2021) and the opening of the After School Adventures program at F.E. Bellows Elementary School. For the Early Learning Center (ELC), she oversaw curriculum development, hiring, purchasing, and the renovation of much of the Rye Y's first floor to create additional classroom space. When the newly renovated classrooms were destroyed by Hurricane Ida's flooding just days before the September 7 opening day, Kathy rolled up her sleeves and oversaw the second renovation of our first floor. Today, the bright and cheerful classrooms are filled to near capacity with young children who are thriving in this new program.

Kathy is always seeking new ways to bring critically-needed child care to the Sound Shore area. When the 2020 summer camp was canceled due to the pandemic, she oversaw the opening of a full-day, seven-week summer child care program. In September 2020, the Rye Y expanded its licensed school age child care program to provide full-day, half-day and after school care—including help with remote learning—for over 100 children from eight school districts as their families dealt with ever-changing school schedules. And, under Kathy's leadership, the Y is currently in talks with a Mamaroneck community organization to bring a Rye Y nursery school program to their site.

Kathy lives with her husband and six-year-old daughter in the Bronx. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, listening and dancing to music as well as volunteering within her community.





The **more** that you **read**, the
more things you will **know**.

The **more** that you **learn**,
the **more** places you'll **go**. ”

-Dr. Seuss





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that I get to share this night
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Lia DaRocha



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Lia DaRocha

Lia's Daycare

Lia, Owner of Lia's Daycare, is Brazilian, and loves watching and helping children grow. When she went to college, she chose to study Fine Arts, dreaming that she might one day work with children. Twenty-five years ago, Lia had a daughter and when she was 40 days old, Lia quit her job at Teachers College in Manhattan and decided to open a daycare. She is driven to help educate and guide children through their first steps in this world, and says that “there is nothing more rewarding than helping little ones grow in all the ways in which they are capable.”



Michelle Dalton Little Lamb Child Care

Michelle Ann Dalton, Lead Infant Teacher at Little Lamb Child Care (formerly Happy Tots Childcare), grew up in Peekskill, the daughter of Joseph and MaryAnn DeMatteis. She currently resides in Wappingers Falls with her husband, two sons (15 and 7) and daughter (2.5). She has been at Little Lamb for 28 years, has her CDA credential and almost all of her Early Childhood credits.

“Taking care of children has been a passion since I can remember,” said Michelle. “It is so rewarding to watch the children develop and grow.” She believes that communicating with parents and her colleagues has given her the opportunity to grow and learn new techniques. “Giving the children a foundation is so important for their future development and it’s a wonderful experience to be a part of.”

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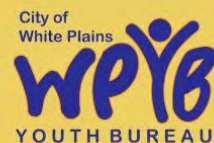
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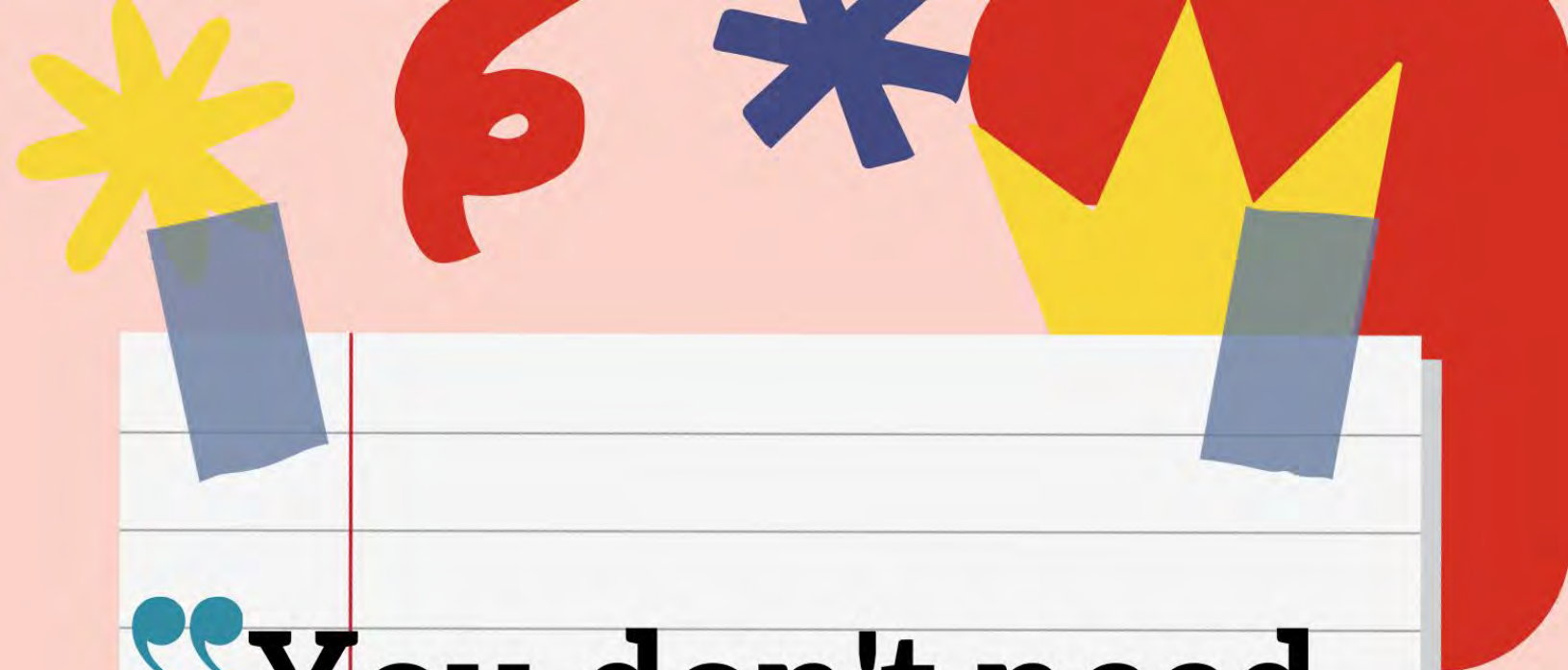
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-Unknown







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Sawudat Abraham

Baby Cubs Daycare

Sawudat Abraham is the Owner & Director of Baby Cubs Daycare, Inc. Owning a daycare center was her dream since the age of 18, and she began her journey over 12 years ago when she started having her own children. Sawudat has 3 children, ages 10, 11 and 15, and holds an MPA, a BA in Business Management, and a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. She is MAT certified to administer medication for Baby Cubs Daycare and a certified EMS Safety Instructor. Additionally, she received her MWBE certification.

She aims to serve working families who need to be assured that their children are safe and in a caring environment, and to provide quality child care that parents can trust and children can rely on. “My motto is: nothing venture, nothing gained!” said Sawudat. “I add these words to live by: know your worth, live without fear, and work with passion to make the dream a reality.”





Shari Lewis

Nana's Place Family Childcare

Shari D. Lewis, the Director and owner of Nana's Place Family Childcare, is a longtime native of Westchester County. Born and raised in Mt. Vernon, Shari had always been perceived as the "responsible" child. Immediately after graduating Mt. Vernon High School, she decided to join the United States Army. Proving she was indeed, the "responsible" child. After serving her country for four years, she received an honorable discharge with a major in finance. Shari, who then married and had two loving children, wanted something more. What was that "something more," you ask? It was a career. Shari was then employed by Barclays Bank International as an Assistant Manager. Shortly thereafter, she accepted an Assistant Treasurer position at The Bank of New York. Yet, having a rewarding career with almost 28 years in finance, still wasn't enough. Shari wanted to make a difference. One day, during her lunch, she had an idea... also described as having an epiphany or a revelation. After devoting half of a lifetime for the betterment of corporate businesses, she decided to take a chance on herself. She came up with a business venture of her own. She respectfully resigned from the Bank of New York, stepped out on faith, and Nana's Place Family Childcare was created. Originally, it was for the sole purpose of ensuring her grandchildren had an adequate place to thrive, a proper education, along with a nurturing environment. She then expanded her brand to include children of the neighborhood, a demographic that had been severely overlooked. With much success over the last 22 years - completing her CDA, being recognized as an accredited program - Mrs. Lewis, who is often referred to as "Nana," continues to single-handedly raise the bar of quality child care in Westchester County. Kudos to you, kid.









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