

WELCOME

TO THE BENJAMIN HARRISON YMCA EARLY LEARNING PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

MEET YOUR TEACHERS



Tamara Smith

Lead Teacher - Tadpoles (2 year olds)

I have been working at the YMCA for almost 3 years. I come from a big family, 12 kids to be exact. I have two kids of my own, Payton who turns 3 in October and Reece who turns 1 in January. I have been married for 4 years. I love working with these kids. I love watching when kids get the "ah ha" moment while learning. Seeing these kids grow is the best feeling.

Sabrina Hizer

Assistant Teacher - Tadpoles (2 year olds)

I am a mother of two boys, 8 years and 4 years old. My 4 year old attend the YMCA preschool. I started off as a member before I became the assistant teacher. I often said I liked the preschool so much that I made a career of it. I am currently attending CDA classes to better educate our pupils. I have always enjoyed working with children. Some of the things I consider myself talented in are storytelling and crafts. I believe that every child has their own approach to knowledge and are naturally curious, and it is my responsibility to facilitate an environment that is flexible and caters to each child's interests while helping them build on what they know. I hope to get to know your little one's families well and look forward to what's to come this school year.



Cassandra Revilla

Director of Early Learning

I have been married to my husband for 19 years and we have four wonderful boys whom are 18 years, 17 years, 12 years and 8 years old. All four of my boys have attended a YMCA Preschool. I loved everything that they learned and the family atmosphere that the Y has so much that I decided I wanted to be a part of it. I have worked for the YMCA for 13 years and have enjoyed every minute of it. I started off as a preschool assistant, worked my way up to a teacher, then coordinator and now the director. I enjoy watching the preschoolers learn and grow every day. Being able to see the children grow and watch their little eyes get big when they figure something out for themselves is very rewarding.





Bonnie Westbrook

Early Learning Activity Leader - Before Care

I have three grown children of my own and five grandchildren. I have worked at the Y for three years now all in preschool programs and I enjoy it very much.

Miicah Lewis

Early Learning Activity Leader - Before Care & Afternoons

I have two boys, 9 years and 3 years old. I have been working here for approximately 3 months now. I always loved coming to the Y as a young child and thought it would be a great opportunity for me to work here in a friendly, Christian-based environment. I was a stay at home mom for the past few years due to my youngest child whom was born preterm. Since I have been here, my family has enjoyed everything and everyone that is affiliated with the YMCA. I have well over 10 years working in early childhood and have the love and passion to teach and engage with children. I am looking forward to the new year and new families that I get to work with!



Lillian Davis

Early Learning Activity Leader - Afternoons

I have been working at the Y for 13 years. I started off working in our Play & Learn department and took care of children as young as 6 weeks old. It is such a joy to be working in the preschool with some of the same children that I took care of in Play & Learn. Seeing them grow just warms my heart.

Blondell Epps

Early Learning Activity Leader - Afternoons

I retired from Army and Air Force Exchange Services in 2014. I am a married mother of one daughter and three grandchildren. After retirement, I stayed home for two years and found myself missing out on something. I decided to get a job at the YMCA. I work with the preschool and have been for almost 3 years. Working with the children has been so rewarding for me. They are so full of love and their little smiling faces. If I can say something or do something to help a child then I feel like I would have accomplished something.



Tiffanie Turpen

Early Learning Activity Leader - Afternoons

I have one 3 year old child. He attends the YMCA Preschool. I have been with the YMCA since 2018 working at the front desk. In 2019, I started working with the preschool program. I enjoy going outside and doing crafts with the preschoolers. I feel that the value of being outdoors is more important than ever. I look forward to going into work and getting to know each child.