



# Meet Your Teachers

As we reopen, we'd like you to meet our staff! We're so happy to be back and can't wait until you're able to come into the Center once again.



## **Ms. Lynne Branham**

*Director*

Ms. Lynne earned her master's degree in Early Childhood Education and has worked in the field for 20 years. She has worked in daycare centers, taught preschool, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, and 12th grades, and developed curriculum for students with learning challenges. Additionally, she has worked in higher education administration at various colleges as the Director of Learning Support and Disability Services and taught college classes. Ms. Lynne has also worked in community mental health where she worked with children experiencing mental health issues (including autism, ADHD, and other behavioral disorders).

Wesley United Methodist Church is Ms. Lynne's church. She loves the people, passion for ministry, and the opportunities it gives her to be the hands and feet of Christ. She is humbled to serve in the ministry of Wesley Christian Child Development Center.

Ms. Lynne has been married to her husband, Keith, for nearly 29 years. Together, they enjoy college sports, volunteering in their community, and keeping up with their grandchildren.



## **Ms. Paula Icenogle**

*Lead Teacher - Room 1 (Infant)*

Ms. Paula has worked at Wesley for nearly 19 years. She received her associate degree in applied science for child development, holds a Level 4 Early Childhood Credential, as well as a Level 4 Infant Toddler Credential. During her time at Wesley, she has worked with a variety of age groups, but you'll typically find her in the infant room. She loves working at the center and watching the babies grow and learn.

Ms. Paula loves to read. Her family loves the St. Louis Cardinals and going to theme parks.



## **Ms. Alissa Gooding**

*Assistant Teacher - Room 4 (PreK4)*

Ms. Alissa just started working at Wesley this summer and loves the environment here. She likes how friendly the staff is and loves to watch the kids grow and learn.

Ms. Alissa has a twin sister. In her free time, she loves to draw. She also has a passion for having fish tanks, she currently has a saltwater tank and 3 other tanks.



## **Ms. Amber Siemens**

*Assistant Director/ Lead Teacher - Room 1 (Infant)*

Ms. Amber grew up in Ft. Green and now lives in LaHarpe. She received her associate degree in child development from Carl Sandburg College and has been working at Wesley since December 2007. She holds a Level 4 Early Childhood Credential and Level 4 Infant Toddler Credential. Ms. Amber loves working with children and enjoys all of the amazing staff she gets to work alongside at Wesley.

Ms. Amber has two sons (Keegan & Maxwell) and a step-daughter (Addy). She has a jack russel (Bailey) and a golden retriever (Bella). Her favorites include dark chocolate, pasta, salad, and frozen hot chocolate from Dairy Queen. Her family is her world, and she loves spending time with them.



## **Ms. Jennifer Bergan**

*Lead Teacher - Room 7 (Early 3's)*

Ms. Jennifer is from Quincy and began working at Wesley last fall. She holds certifications in SIDS/SUID/AAP Safe Sleep and SBS/Traumatic Brain Injury. Ms. Jennifer has an associate degree in elementary education and is currently working towards a bachelor's in child development administration. Her favorite part about Wesley is the amazing atmosphere and working with the children.

Ms. Jennifer loves to read, go biking, hiking, and being outdoors. She enjoys Harry Potter books and collectibles. Ms. Jennifer has been married for 12 years and has a 4 year old son.



## **Ms. Sierra Voss**

*Lead Teacher - Room 5 (2 year olds)*

Ms. Sierra attends WIU and is majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is from Camp Point, IL which is right down the road from Macomb. She has a dog named Ollie and enjoys being active in her free time.

Ms. Sierra enjoys working at Wesley because she loves getting to spend time with the kids and getting to see them learn new things every day.



## **Ms. Marcia (Marci) Weiss**

*Lead Teacher - Room 6 (PreK3)*

Ms. Marci is from Astoria and moved to Macomb in July 2018. She began working at Wesley last year and has three years of experience teaching Pre-K and more than 10 years of experience working with children. Ms. Marci earned her associate degree in early childhood development and is first aid and CPR accredited. She has ECE Credential Level 4 and Infant Toddler Credential Level 3. Ms. Marci loves the positive environment at Wesley and how everyone is willing to help where needed.

Ms. Marci has two children, Ashley (20) and Eli (17). She enjoys spending time with her family, crafting, and researching Pinterest for fun plans to incorporate in the classroom. Ms. Marci loves going to movies with her kids, chocolate, and watching Prime, Hulu, and Netflix.



## **Ms. Jenna Caldwell**

*Lead Teacher - Room 4 (PreK4)*

Ms. Jenna is married and has two children. In her free time she likes to read, color, and spend time outside with her family. She is very passionate about teaching preschool.

Ms. Jenna's favorite thing about working at Wesley is that she loves the structure and routine used with the children here. She also loves the teamwork among the employees here.



## **Ms. Susan Hoke**

*Lead Teacher - Room 2 (Infant/Toddler)*

Ms. Susan has been a teacher at Wesley for 25 years. During her time at Wesley, she has worked in all of the classrooms, multiple times. She is originally from Tremont, IL. Ms. Susan attended WIU and holds an ECE 3 Credential and an Infant/Toddler 2 Credential. The children are her favorite part of working at Wesley. She enjoys watching them grow up and turn into amazing individuals.

Ms. Susan has been married to her husband, Mark, for 41 years. She has two daughters and eight grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, reading, and quilting. Her favorite vacation spot is Destin, FL.



## **Ms. Morganne Sharrow**

*Lead Teacher - Room 3 (PreK4)*

Ms. Morganne started working at Wesley last year, and during her time, has worked with a variety of age groups. She's currently working in Room 3. Ms. Morganne is from Bluffs, IL, and is pursuing a degree in elementary education at WIU. She has a passion for teaching and is excited to gain additional experience toward her future career while at Wesley.

Ms. Morganne enjoys spending time with her friends, family, doing crafts, and traveling to new places.



## **Ms. Shaleigh Covert**

*Assistant Teacher - Room 3 (PreK4)*

Ms. Shaleigh started working at Wesley this year and has quickly come to love working here. She is currently studying psychology with a minor in mental health at WIU. She is from Augusta, IL and has lived around here her whole life. During her free time she enjoys going to concerts, floating on the river, and bowling with friends and family.

Ms. Shaleigh loves working at Wesley because she loves being able to see the kids grow and develop each day. She says Wesley feels like a big family and everyone is so nice.



## **Ms. Samantha Adams**

*Assistant Teacher - Room 2 (Infant/ Toddler)*

Ms. Samantha has one older brother. During her free time, she enjoys spending time outside, particularly kayaking, and watching stand up comedy shows on Netflix.

Ms. Samantha loves working at Wesley because she loves the staff and working with the kids in room 2. She likes how the Center feels like home and everyone is extremely welcoming.



## **Ms. Hunter Griffith**

*Assistant Teacher/ Floater - Rooms 5, 6, 7*

Ms. Hunter has worked at Wesley for two years. As a child, she also attended Wesley and enjoys now being able to give back in a new role. During her time as a teacher, she has worked in all of the classrooms. Ms. Hunter loves Wesley and seeing the kids everyday at the center.

Ms. Hunter grew up in the Macomb area and has three younger siblings, a sister (18) and two brothers (10 & 13). Outside of working at Wesley, she also bartends at Gold Hills Golf Course. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her friends, family, and boyfriend, and loves to travel.



## **Ms. Daria Levchenko**

*Assistant Teacher/ Floater - Rooms 3 & 4 (PreK4)*

Ms. Daria is from San Diego, CA. She has a baby sister who is about to turn one at the end of the summer. Currently she is studying Political Science at WIU. She loves traveling, being outdoors, and hanging out with friends.

Ms. Daria has worked at Wesley since last winter and loves being able to see the kids each day and watch them grow. She likes how the atmosphere in the center feels like a big family.



## **Ms. Jacey Roper**

*Lead Teacher - Room 6 (PreK3)*

Ms. Jacey just started at Wesley this summer. She is currently majoring in Early Childhood Education at WIU and loves to work with children. Since she has started, she says it has been a great place to work and loves watching the kids learn.

Outside of school and working at Wesley, Jacey is also a student athlete for WIU. She is on the track team as well as the cross country team.



## **Ms. Erica Clark**

*Lead Teacher/ Floater - Rooms 5, 6, & 7*

Ms. Erica is from Colchester, IL and is another Wesley alum. She has recently transferred to WIU from another school where she used to play volleyball, and plans on majoring in Physical Education. For fun, Ms. Erica enjoys shopping and spending time with friends and family.

Ms. Erica just started working at Wesley, but has already grown a love for working with the children. She loves getting to know the kids more everyday and loves being a positive impact on their lives.

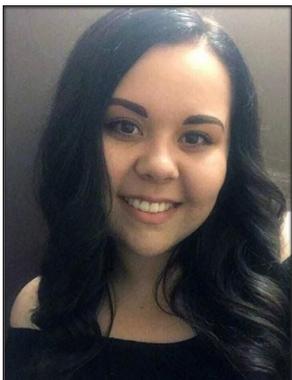


## **Ms. Claire Brown**

*Assistant Teacher - Room 5 (2 year olds)*

Ms. Claire is from Macomb and has worked at Wesley since 2017. She is CPR and First Aid qualified. Ms. Claire is currently working toward an Associate of Arts and to be teacher qualified. She enjoys the kids at Wesley and their friendly smiles and warm greetings.

Fun fact...Ms. Claire was a nanny in Australia for six months! She has a twin brother, as well as a younger brother. Ms. Claire also has a Siberian Husky that she loves! She enjoys coffee and the Chicago Cubs.



## **Ms. Brianna Rogers**

*Lead Teacher - Room 7 (Early 3's)*

Ms. Brianna has worked at Wesley for 2 years, and in her time, has worked with a variety of age groups. She is from Freeport, IL, and is working toward earning her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her favorite part about working at Wesley is all of the amazing staff and children, as it's a nice break in her day to be able to come in and work with great people.

Ms. Brianna has one younger brother who is a senior in high school. Her mother is a registered nurse. Ms. Brianna loves traveling and going on new adventures. She is obsessed with roller coasters and reality TV shows.