

Brilliant Beginnings Staff

ADMINISTRATORS

- **Mrs. Jill Brewer, Co-Administrator**

Mrs. Jill is found all throughout the center answering questions, assisting teachers, or filling in a classroom for the day. She received a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Ball State University and has worked in social services settings as well as small business. Mrs. Jill resides in Versailles with her husband, Shaun, and five children, Alex, Anna, Ellie, Ben, and Luke. She enjoys reading, gardening and spending time with her family.



- **Mrs. Cassandra Lochtefeld, Co-Administator**

Mrs. Cassi can be found in her office doing paperwork, answering phones, or on the computer. She also assists in the classroom and in the kitchen. Mrs. Cassi has over 15 years of experience working with children in centers, Head Start, and home child care settings. She graduated in 2004 from Rhode's State College with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She resides in St. Henry and loves being home with her husband, Mark, & kids, Emma, Vinny & Hans. Mrs. Cassi loves camping, being outside with the kids, getting lost in a good book, or visiting family.



LEAD TEACHER

- **Ms. Amanda Subler, Lead Teacher**

Ms. Amanda graduated from Ft. Loramie High School in 2006, then went on to get her associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from Edison Community College. She started at Brilliant Beginnings in October of 2010 as Head Teacher in the Toddler 2 room, and took over the part-time preschool in January of 2012. Ms. Amanda has had over 13 years of experience working with children in various childcare settings. She currently resides in Yorkshire and is busy planning her wedding with her fiancé, Craig.



INFANTS/TODDLERS

- **Ms. Tangie Cunningham, Head Teacher**

Ms. Tangie is the Head Teacher for the Young Toddlers, 12 months old till 2 years old. She has over 7 years of experience working with Toddlers and Preschoolers. Ms. Tangie has been at Brilliant Beginnings since October 2013 and has a natural aptitude to the specific needs of toddlers. When not working she enjoys spending time with her two daughters.



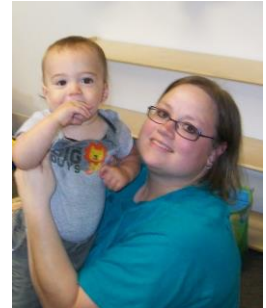
- **Ms. Tonda Trittschuh, Head Teacher**

Ms. Tonda is the Head Teacher for the Older Toddlers, who are between 18 months and 3 years. She has been a part of Brilliant Beginnings staff since 2011, and has a special place in her heart for the toddlers. Ms. Tonda can always be found with a smile and a song or book. She lives in Versailles with her fiancé, Matt. They have three children—Kayla, Ryan and Jacob.



- **Mrs. Denise Cordonnier, Assistant Teacher**

Mrs. Denise is an Assistant Teacher in the Toddler Rooms. She joined Brilliant Beginnings in August 2012. She graduated from Sinclair Community College in 2010 with an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. She is married to a wonderful husband, and has three beautiful children—Austin, Elijah and Hailey—with a fourth on the way. They reside in Russia, Ohio. Mrs. Denise is deaf and communicates through American Sign Language, which she has taught to her children.



- **Ms. Ali Westgerdes, Assistant Teacher**

Ms. Ali is a senior at Versailles High School and is in her second year at Miami Valley Career Tech Center in the Early Childhood Education Program. She has babysat for several years prior to starting at Brilliant Beginnings Learning Center in May 2014. Ms. Ali brings energy and fun to the toddlers in the afternoons. She lives in North Star with her parents and 4 younger siblings.



PRESCHOOL

- **Mrs. Angie Huddle, Head Teacher**

Mrs. Angie is the Head Teacher in the Preschool 1 room, which is filled with three year olds and on occasion, a 2 ½ year old. Mrs. Angie has been at Brilliant Beginnings since October 2010 and has over 20 years of experience working with children. She has a special talent with making children comfortable and having fun with them. Mrs. Angie resides in Versailles with her husband, Brad, and two daughters, Miranda and Faith.



- **Mrs. Kari Muhlenkamp, Head Teacher**

Mrs. Kari is the head teacher in the Preschool 2/Pre-K room. She graduated from Rhodes State College with her associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. Mrs. Kari has worked in previous preschools/daycares for over seven years, and has been at Brilliant Beginnings Learning Center since October 2010. She lives in St. Mary's with her husband Kurt and daughter Myla.



- **Ms. Savanna Lavy, Assistant Teacher**

Ms. Savanna is the Assistant Teacher in the Preschool 1 room. She is a recent graduate from Russia High School, where she also attended the Early Childhood Program at Upper Valley Career Tech Center. She has obtained her CDA (Child Development Associate) Credential, and is enrolled at Edison Community College studying Early Childhood Education. Ms. Savanna loves bringing ideas and creativity to the Preschoolers in the afternoon.



- **Ms. Amanda Subler, Part-Time Preschool Teacher**

Ms. Amanda graduated from Ft. Loramie High School in 2006, then went on to get her associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from Edison Community College. She started at Brilliant Beginnings in October of 2010 as Head Teacher in the Toddler 2 room, and took over the part-time preschool in January of 2012. Ms. Amanda has had over 13 years of experience working with children in various childcare settings. She currently resides in Yorkshire and is busy planning her wedding with her fiancé, Craig.



SCHOOL AGE

- **Ms. Jaci Barga, Head Teacher**

Ms. Jaci is the Head Teacher for the School Age Program, and gets to enjoy Brilliant Beginnings in the afternoons. She is a graduate of Versailles High School and is in her final year at Wright State University to earn her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She currently also student teaches at Mississinewa Valley Schools as a part of her college education. Ms. Jaci lives in Versailles with her fiancé Cody and their daughter Bailey.



- **Mrs. Tina Alt, Assistant Teacher**

Mrs. Tina is the AM Teacher in the School Age room. She is here at opening and also makes sure everyone at Brilliant Beginnings is well-fed each day. She has an Associate of Science Degree with an emphasis in Business; Mrs. Tina also served 4 years in the military (Army). She is a Certified Balloon Artist and Clown and has also taught Sunday School for 1st -5th grade. Mrs. Tina resides in Russia with her husband Dale and three sons, DJ, Devin, and Drew.



SUPPORT STAFF/FLOATING POSITIONS

- **Mrs. Tina Alt, Nutrition Coordinator; Classroom/Office Support**

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- **Mrs. Becky Pohlman, Substitute Teacher**

Mrs. Becky has been a part Brilliant Beginnings for several years as a substitute teacher for all age groups. She has subbed regularly when needed for vacations, maternity leaves and college classes. She lives in Versailles with her husband, Hank, and enjoys riding bike and spending time with her grandchildren.

- **Ms. Megan Monnin, Substitute Teacher**

Ms. Megan is a recent graduate of Versailles High School. She is currently working towards a degree in nursing from Indiana University East. She has worked in the infant room in the past, and now subs occasionally as her college schedule permits.

- **Mrs. Freda Lochtefeld, Substitute Teacher**

Mrs. Freda has helped out at Brilliant Beginnings since its opening. She is a retired nurse and volunteers for a number of good causes. She lives in Celina, with her husband, Hank, and enjoys sewing, gardening, and spending time with her family.