

Brilliant Beginnings Staff

ADMINISTRATORS

- Mrs. Jill Brewer, Owner-Business Administrator

Mrs. Jill is found in her office doing paperwork, answering phone calls, or checking up with the classrooms. 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 six children, Alex, Anna, Ellie, Ben, Luke, and Josh. She enjoys reading, gardening and spending time with her family and friends. Mrs. Jill's favorite part of working at Brilliant Beginnings is being able to see the growth in each of the children here.



- Mrs. Donna (DJ) Macleod, Child Care Administrator, Nutrition Coordinator

Ms. DJ is the Child Care Administrator. She has many roles here, assisting the teachers, handling child paperwork, and filling in classrooms and or kitchen. She has been at Brilliant Beginnings for five years and has been helping with administrator for three years. Ms. DJ lives in Yorkshire with her husband, Preston and daughter, Vivian. She takes joy in camping, spending time with family, walks and crocheting. Ms. DJ favorite part of working at the daycare is getting to know the kids and playing with them on their level.



YOUNG INFANTS

- **Ms. Brittany Leone, Head Teacher**

Ms. Brittany is the Head Teacher for the Infants, 6 weeks old through 12 months old or when they become mobile. Some of her goals in the classroom are having the babies sleep in their crib, sit up well, crawling, and introduce to finger foods. She began working at Brilliant Beginnings in May of 2016 and loves watching the way babies grow and change so quickly. She graduated from Bradford High School in 2013. She resides in Versailles with her husband, Jacob, and kids, Abel, Nora, Nina. Ms. Brittany enjoys hanging out with her family, and going to new places with them.



- **Ms. Shelby Spradlin, Assistant Teacher**

Ms. Shelby is the Assistant Teacher for the Infants, 6 weeks old through 12 months old or when they become mobile. She lives in Versailles with her parents, two brothers and one sister. In her spare time, she loves showing horses and spending time with friends and family. Her favorite thing about the kids is watching them grow up! Ms. Shelby loves watching them gather their own personalities.



- **Ms. Lisa Hess, Assistant Teacher**

Ms. Lisa is the Assistant Teacher in the morning for the infants. She resides outside of town on a few acres, with her husband and one daughter. Ms. Lisa enjoys working outside in the summer, and loves spending time with family, and likes going on walks. One of her favorite things about kids is the simple things make them happy.



OLDER INFANTS

- **Ms. Lisa Brown, Head Teacher**

Ms. Lisa is found in the older infant room; she works with kids from nine months to eighteen months of age. Her husband and two kids, a son 19 and daughter 16, reside in Rossburg. She enjoys watching the kids learn new things and seeing their faces light up. Some of her hobbies include cooking, baking, and camping.



- **Ms. Lydia Gilmore, Assistant Teacher**

Ms. Lydia resides at home in Versailles with her parents and siblings. She has four brothers and one sister. She can be found often in the older infant room but sometimes in the younger infant room as well. She enjoys sleeping, animals and cooking/baking. She loves the way the kids laugh and smiles.



YOUNG TODDLERS

- **Mrs. Kathy Arden, Head Teacher**

Mrs. Kathy is Head Teacher in the Young Toddler Room. She joined Brilliant Beginnings in September 2016, loves teaching the kids and staying busy. Some of her goals in her classroom are sleeping on a cot, introduce regular cup, utensils, and helping put away toys. Mrs. Kathy lives in Versailles and has four children, three of whom are married. She enjoys gardening and spending time with her family and grandchildren. Mrs. Kathy has plenty of patience and a smile for each of the toddlers she teaches.



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- **Ms. Kelsey Francis, Assistant Toddler Teacher**

Ms. Kelsey is the assistant toddler teacher; she loves learning new things about the kids. Ms. Kelsey likes to shop, hanging out with friends, running, and working out. She lives in Versailles. She is the oldest of three, with two younger brothers. Kelsey is majoring in Early Childhood Education.



OLDER TODDLERS

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

Ms. Tonda is the Head Teacher for the Older Toddlers, who are between 2 to 2 ½ years old . Goals in her classroom are naptime routine, and actively potty training, uses utensils throughout meals, start counting and learning colors. 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 song or book. She lives in Versailles with her significant other. They have three children and two grandchildren. Ms. Tonda enjoys spending time with her family, grandchildren and looking at the world through her children's eyes.



- **Ms. Brooke Hart, Assistant Teacher**

Ms. Brooke is the assistant Older Toddler teacher. She resides in Versailles with her husband Rawley, Daughter Estella, And Dog Oscar. Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, Drawing, reading, being crafty in general and being outside. Her favorite part about working with the toddlers is getting to be goofy and silly. They really bring out the kid in her and she doesn't have to worry about the weird looks when her not-so-great signing voice comes out- They love it and sing along with her. She can also be found around the center cleaning and floating!



TRANSITIONING

- **Ms. Mallory Subler, Head Teacher**

Ms. Mallory is the Head teacher for the transitioning classroom, who are 2 ½ to 3 years old. She is helping the kids with potty training, and teaching them new things. She has always enjoyed working with children and getting to see them smile. I also love making them laugh every day. Ms. Mallory resides in Versailles with her parents, three brothers, and dog. Some of the things she enjoys outside of the work is doing puzzles, reading, and spending time with family/friends.



PRESCHOOL

- **Mrs. Amanda Dapore, Head Part-Time Preschool Teacher**

Mrs. Amanda is a graduate of Ft. Loramie High School and has her associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from Edison Community College. She's been at Brilliant Beginnings since October of 2010, and has over 15 years' experience working with children in various childcare settings. Some of the goals in the class are following multiple step instructions, able to identify most upper- and lower-case letters and sounds, and introduce sight words/sight word reading books. She likes to garden, read, and explore new places with her family. Mrs. Amanda resides in Ft. Loramie with her husband Craig and five kids; Kensington and Mckinley, Beckett, Carsten, and Hendrix.



PRESCHOOL FOUNDATIONS

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

Mrs. Angie is the Head Teacher in the Preschool Foundations room, which is a combined classroom filled with 3-4-year-olds. Mrs. Angie has been at Brilliant Beginnings since October 2010 and has over 20 years of experience working with children. Some of her classroom goals are for kids to recognize some of their letters, be able to write their name, and able to do basic crafts. Mrs. Angie resides in Versailles with her husband, Brad, and Dog Sadie. They have two daughters both of whom are married. She has a special talent with making children comfortable and having fun with them. One of her favorite things about the kids is, you never know what they are going to say.



- **Ms. Riley Bevins, Assistant Teacher**

Ms. Riley is the assistant teacher for the Preschool Foundations room. She resides with her boyfriend in Greenville. She grew up in Arcanum with her parents and three sisters. Her hobbies include coloring and doing crafts, as well as fishing, kayaking, camping, bonfires, and rodeos. She loves being an aunt to her nephew, Roman. You can find her spending time with family or listening to music and watching movies. Riley loves the random things kids say or do and helping the kids learn! Some of her favorite foods are Mexican and Steak. Her favorite color is blue and she loves Christmas. Her Faith is important to her and she loves going to plays.



PRESCHOOL ESSENTIALS

- **Ms. Alyssa Burton- Head Teacher**

Ms. Alyssa is the head teacher in Preschool Essentials, one of her favorite things about teaching is watching the kids learn new things. In this classroom some of the goals are sort by 1 or 2 attributes, following instructions, able to count until 20, and write first and last names. She lives in Versailles, with her boyfriend and cat Nala. Some of her favorite things to do is online shopping, spending time with family, as well as her new found hobby of baking. Although she spend most of her time working and doing college work. She really enjoys spending time with kids.



- **Ms. Taylor Grilliot, Assistant Teacher**

Ms. Taylor has been with Brilliant Beginnings while she went to Versailles High School, and has graduated in 2023. She attends Edison State Community College for Early Childhood Education. Ms. Taylor loves baking and being outside and shopping. She enjoys watching the kids use their creative minds and seeing how they get things to work.



KINDERGARTEN READINESS

- **Ms. Kaylyn Shimp- Head Teacher**

Ms. Kaylyn is the head teacher of Kindergarten Readiness; she helps prepare the kids for school. Some of the classroom goals are recognizing capital and lower-case letters, can put on and off/zipping coats, and able to occupy themselves. She resides in Rossburg with her Husband Matt, and 6 kids (Asheleigh, Jonathyn, Leila-Mae, Julian, Xavier, and Octavia). Some of her favorite activities outside of the learning center is taking trips, walking, crafts, and spending time with her family. One of her favorite things working here is the kids cheering you up if you have a bad day, and each day is always different and the kids aren't afraid of trying new things.



- **Ms. Ali Leonard, Head Teacher**

Ms. Ali is the head teacher of Kindergarten Readiness 2, which are 4–5-year-olds, and one of her favorite parts of being a teacher is watching them grow and learn new things. Ms. Ali's goals in her classroom are recognize letter sounds, writing first and last names, and number sense. She also works with the kid's following instructions, walking through halls, and being able to sit for a given time. She lives in Greenville, with her husband Todd and kids Leo and Lucy. Ms. Ali enjoys hangout with friends and family, and crafting. Ali always has a smile on her face and is happy to be with the kids.



SCHOOL AGE TEACHERS

- **Ms. Brooklyn Crickmore, Head Teacher**

Ms. Brooklyn is one of the head teachers for school agers. She walks to get the school agers from school and brings them back to daycare, helps them get snack and homework. Ms. Brooklyn lives in Bradford with her parents, brother, and cat named Charles. Some of the things Brooklyn likes to do is shopping and hanging out with friends and family. Ms. Brooklyn enjoys teaching the kids new things and playing games with them.



- **Ms. Judy Cordonnier, School Age Volunteer**

Ms. Judy can be found in the school age room. She resides in Versailles with her husband and son. They have four children and one granddaughter. She loves seeing the kids of all ages. The smiles and giggles brighten every day. As a retired elementary teacher, she especially enjoys working with the school-age students, helping with homework and hearing about their school day. She loves walking, reading, knitting and traveling in her spare time.



FLOATING/SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- **Ms. Alyssa Meyer, Floater**

Ms. Alyssa is a floater; she helps the teachers when needed. Some of the things she loves about the kids is all the energy and creativity they have. She lives in Versailles with her family, has one older brother, younger sister. Ms. Alyssa attends Wright State University. She enjoys going on runs, walking, and riding her bike, and hangout with friends and families.



- **Ms. Jenna Hughes, Floater**

Ms. Jenna is a floater. She normally fills in a classroom when needed and helps the teachers. She currently lives in Greenville with her family. Ms. Jenna has one brother and two dogs. Some of the things Jenna enjoys includes swimming, hangout with friends, reading, and getting coffee. One of her favorite things about working with kids is listening to their unique opinions and their take on the world.



FLOATING/SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Mr. Adam Cordonnier, Kitchen Assistant and Teacher
Mr. Adam is usually found in the kitchen helping clean things up after lunch, helps getting snacks out, and cleaning the rooms when the kids leave. He enjoys walking to the school and getting the school-age kids and bringing them back from school. He is a graduate from Versailles, and is currently living in his hometown. Mr. Adam enjoys riding his bike, taking walks, puzzles, seek and finds, and reading. He has three older siblings. Mr. Adam's favorite thing at the daycare is working with the school-age kids.



- Ms. Caroline Anthony, School Age Summer
You may find Caroline hanging out with the school-age kids in the summer. She resides in Versailles with her parents, Jason and Traci. She has one brother, Connor and two pets, a cat named Chole and her dog is named Bailey! They are both the princesses of the family 😊 Caroline in her off time loves to work out, scrapbooking, rollerblading, and reading many books! I also love baking and my favorite food to bake is brownies because I love chocolate. Her favorite thing about working with the kids is that they have the best jokes!



HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

- **Ms. Emma Mader, Janitor and Aide**

Ms. Emma is a high school janitor. You will often find her cleaning and playing with the babies in her down time. She resides in Versailles with her mom, sister and three half siblings. She enjoys doing puzzles, babysitting and crafting. Her favorite thing about the kids is watching them learn new things. She also enjoys spending time with her family.



- **Ms. Becca Meyer, Aide and Janitor**

Ms. Becca is one of our high school students. She is working towards her CDA which allows her to be in the classroom. She resides in Versailles with her parents and brother and sister. She loves participating in band and loves animals. She enjoys the hugs from kids as well as the repeating of words, laughs, and smiles.



HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

- **Ms. Hailey Arnold, Aide and Janitor**

Ms. Hailey can be found around the center helping with the school agers and cleaning the rooms. She loves working with kids because they never fail to put a smile on my face. Hailey resides in Versailles with her dad and younger sister. In her free time she likes drawing, playing her clarinet and trumpet, as well as listening to music.



- **Mr. Ben Brewer, Janitor and Aide**

Mr. Ben is the daycare Janitor; he is the one who cleans the classrooms. He also is working on his CDA and is able to help in the classrooms. He resides with his parents and siblings, two sisters and three brothers. They also have two dogs. Mr. Ben is a percussionist in the band and active in vocal music and 4-H. Ben also loves to pet his dogs. He also does musical theater. Ben loves kids saying bye as they are leaving for the day. He enjoys watching the kids say bye-bye before they leave. Very Cute!

