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Biography

I have been interested in working with children for as long as I can remember. My first job was with the A.B.C. D. Summer job program at a day care center. During this time my husband and I raised our three children. In 1998 I began working as an assistant teacher at the Denison House where I was promoted to teacher and later the Acting Program Director in 2002. I received my Associate Degree in early education in 2003. In 2004 I received my Bachelors of Science Degree in Human Services while working as Lead Teacher and Assistant Director for Little Angel's Children's Center which unfortunately closed. Inspired by my work there, in 2005 I started a family child care center in my home. Working out of my home gave me the opportunity to work one on one with the children and the parents, giving them more of my time and attention. Through the love of God, I earned my Deaconess Missionary Certificate in 2006. I began weekly prayer meetings in my home which I still continue to host. My passion and love is to serve my community, family and friends.

Program-"Jump Around Play Gym"

To enhance my current program, I will be expanding my open activities area. I will accomplish this by purchasing a Play Tunnel, a Walk the Wave Balance Beam, Rainbow Parachute, Sensory Ball Sets, Tic-Tac-Toe Set, Roll and Score Game and Alphabet & Number Activity Mats. These items will add to the children's understanding of letters, numbers and colors as well as developing their hand-eye coordination and vital skills such as taking turns, sharing and working together. Many of the proposed enhancements will help the children increase their language skills, fine and gross motor skills and promote imaginative play. The Walk the Wave Balance Beam and Sensory Ball sets will help the toddlers explore their body movements such as crawling, walking and giving them a sense of personal space awareness. They will also get to learn about their environment through touch and texture. With my guidance, these activities will also promote discussion and language development for the children as they learn to work together to use the equipment.

