



Program Supervisor: Kelly Sullivan

Kelly has worked in Early Learning for over 15 years and was a founding member of The Loving Tree School which is celebrating the start of its 5th year of existence at The United Church of Ferndale.

Kelly attended Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College studying Early Childhood Education. Kelly likes spending time with her family, hiking, music and sharing potato chips with her 4 amazing boys ages 19, 14, and 9-year old twins. They are the loves of her life.

Kelly says “My favorite thing about being a part of The Loving Tree School is seeing a vision come to fruition. I have always dreamed of a warm, loving space for

children to grow in, and I love the growth I see every year, achieving that very thing. It is amazing when you start with nothing, how much you can build through community and hard work. It feels VERY gratifying. I love seeing children’s smiles and looks of wonder each day. I truly, LOVE my job and feel blessed that I can say that without a doubt. I am blessed.”

Angie Onstad: Lead Teacher, Classroom 1

Teacher Angie has worked in Early Learning for over 23 years. She has a CDA (Child Development Associate) from Rasmussen College. She also has many continuing education hours and early learning trainings. Angie loves teaching preschool age children and takes pride in helping children to feel confident. She works to instill a love for going to school starting a young age. Angie enjoys spending time with her husband and family, going camping, working on classic cars and playing with their 4 dogs.





Lisa Burgess: Teacher Asst, Classroom 1

Lisa comes to us with 24+ years of Early Learning Teaching experience. She has her AA Degree from Whatcom Community College in Early Childhood Education and has countless hours in continuing education and training. She loves working with children and it is easy to see in the classroom. She also loves pizza, the color purple, time with family and walking her dogs!

Terissa Boward: Lead Teacher, Classroom 2

Teacher “Mrs. B” (Terissa) has 15 years’ experience teaching young children. She has an Associate Degree in ECE with a site supervisor permit. She has been an assistant teacher, lead teacher, early head start teacher, music together teacher, and a mentor teacher. She has 4 daughters & 3 grandchildren. Her passions are music, walking her 2 “doodles”, and inspiring her grandchildren & other children to become confident and independent while showering them with love & patience.



Susan Deamer: Teacher Asst., Classroom 2

Susan is currently enrolled at Whatcom Community College in the Early Childhood Education program and is Teacher Assistant in Classroom 2. Susan has a degree in website development and decided to go back to college to pursue a career doing something she has always loved, working with children. Susan has a daughter who was a former student of The Loving Tree School, and is currently in 1st grade. Susan loves cats and pizza!

