



S.M.A.R.T. Summer Program

K-1 Teacher

Melanie Lott

Hello! My name is Melanie Lott. I have been happily married for 26 wonderful years. My husband and I have 5 grown children and 16 grandchildren.

I have been a licensed childcare provider for over 25 years, owned, and operated a childcare business for over 10 years. I have always seemed to have a connection with children. I have many years of professional and personal experience working with children of all ages with a variety of needs. I have worked in the childcare field since 1978. Over the years I have worked for myself and for many different daycare centers such as; New Horizon, Phillips Community Initiative for Children, and Children's World Learning Center in various positions such as assistant or lead teacher. During my time at Children's World Learning Center in Houston, TX, I received two awards. In 1988, I was recognized as its Most Valuable Employee and in 1989; I received a Recognition Award for Outstanding Caring Service. I opened my first home daycare business in Minneapolis in 1995 and operated it for about 5 years. In 1998, I started working in the Minneapolis Public School System as a clerical assistant and then as a Special Education Assistant working with students with various disabilities for about five years. In 2006, I opened another daycare called "Home Sweet Home" which was consistently listed as one of the top daycares in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area by the Parent Aware Program of Minnesota until I had to close it due to my cancer diagnosis in 2016. I went on to obtain my Preschool Child Development Associate (CDA) Credentials through the National CDA Credentialing Program in 2016. .

I have a passion for working with children. I have a lot of childcare experience in different settings and environments. These experiences have allowed me to obtain, cultivate, and develop a vast amount of knowledge and wisdom about childcare.