

# Early Care and Education Program Teachers:

## Kim Toland, Director and Teacher



My name is Kim Toland (Hawthorne – Hubbard). I have been a Hawthorne all my life, a Toland for 39 years and a Hubbard for 5 months.

I have been working at TFP for seven glorious years. I am the Early Care & Education Program Director and a classroom teacher part-time or whenever I am needed. I have my Bachelors of Science degree from UNH from many, many years ago. I have been involved in early education for about 40 years.

I have taught every age group. I have worked in private childcare settings, including my own small center for a number of years. I ran a childcare program in a high school setting. I live on top of a mountain and enjoy loads of beautiful sunsets. We have walking trails that are great in the winter for snowshoeing. Campfires are a must for me. I like to go road bike riding whenever I can and especially along rivers and where I can see farm animals (not wild animals like bears or mean dogs that like to chase you) I have one grown daughter named Jordan who I am so very proud of and am thankful that we are great friends.

Some of my favorites:

Foods: Any Italian food, a great green salad with funky extras added to it, and ice cream in a sugar cone

Holiday or Traditions: Not big on celebrations, just enjoy every day

Hobbies: Pedicures and having manicures with my daughter (Mom-daughter time)

## Ashley Ricard, Lead Teacher (KITS Classroom)



I have been at TFP for two and a half years now and I love it! Outside of work, I am a mom of five children. We are a blended family with lots of busy days. I have been in the field of early education for over ten years with several years prior to that working as a nanny and babysitting. I have always been drawn to working with children and helping them learn, play, and grow. I am currently gathering documents to submit my level 3A on the Northern Lights Career Ladder and my goals continue to grow.

Some of my favorites:

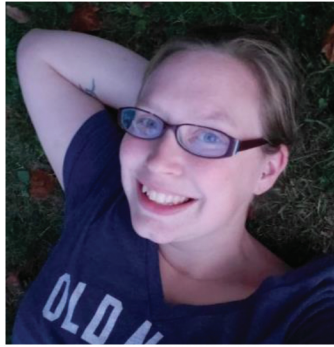
Foods: Pasta and seafood

Holidays or Traditions: Thanksgiving, Christmas

Hobbies: spending time with my kids and family, photography, hiking, painting



**Samantha “Sam” Lund, Lead Teacher (CUBS Classroom)**



I have been at TFP for two months now and I’m enjoying it! Outside of work, I am a mom of a wonderful 12-year-old. My family and I enjoy hiking, biking, camping, and anything to do with adventuring outside. My family and I have 5 animals altogether: 3 cats, and 2 dogs. I have been in the field of early education for about 3 years; before that, I have been in the field of Human Services. I have my Associate Degree in Science for Human Services and various certificates for early education. I am continuing my education in Early Education while I am enjoying teaching children.

Some of my favorites:

- Foods: Boneless buffalo chicken and Peppermint Ice Cream
- Holidays or Traditions: Halloween and Birthdays
- Hobbies: Canoeing, biking, diamond painting, and reading

**Melissa Hunt, Assistant Teacher (CUBS Classroom)**



I am a mother to 3 adult children and recently became a grandmother. I have lived in Vermont my whole life. I have been working in the childcare field for 29 years. I ran a home daycare for 20 years while my kids were growing up. I needed a change and decided to apply at The Family Place. It has been such a great experience and I love coming to work every day. I am an animal lover and have a hard time turning away strays. I have a houseful of cats and I also have a bunny and a bearded dragon. My oldest cat is 18.

Some of my favorites:

- Foods: Pizza, anything with peanut butter
- Holidays or Traditions: love any holiday that brings my family together
- Hobbies: I love to coupon!



**Lisa Banks, Substitute Teacher**



I am a wife and a mom of three – an adult stepdaughter, a daughter who is a senior in high school, and a 13-year-old son! I am also a “MaeMae” (grandmother) to an amazing almost-3-year-old boy! I have decades of experience working in the field of Early Childhood Education. I started my journey at The Family Place in the fall of 2014, and although my roles have changed over the years, I have loved being a part of such an amazing organization! I have an Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Education, and an Associate’s Degree in Business. I am currently working here at TFP as both a Development and Administrative Assistant, but still enjoy spending time with all the children while subbing in the classroom when needed.