**Pam’s Playschool**

About Me

My name is Pamela Petoskey. I started Pam’s Playschool in Spring 2010. I come from a blended family of 4 sisters and 2 brothers. I grew up in Somers CT and Springfield MA, and then moved back to CT when I married my husband, Richard, whom I have known since I was 6 yrs old. We have 2 sons (Joshua and Michael) and 1 daughter (Caitlyn) whom we love and adore and work every day to be the best parents we can.

 I have had a love for children since I was a child myself. My mom ran a very successful family home daycare in Springfield MA for 15 years. I helped her out with many activities, field trips, preschool work, lunch, and taking on naptime struggles. I could always get a child to relax and sleep by rubbing their back and singing to them. Through this I was able to babysit after daycare hrs for many of the parents and got my first nanny job this way. I ended up staying with this family for 10 years! We still keep in contact today. I was also privileged to be able to nanny for my 3 cousins when my first son was born so I could take him to work with me. They were all preschool age at the time. My third long-term nanny job was for a doctor that I did before/after school care and overnights. I was with them for 4 years. I then got a job at Willie Ross School for the Deaf and became a paraprofessional and teacher’s aide. My personal hobbies are, working out, helping others, reading non-fiction books, cleaning (I can’t help it, it’s therapeutic), cooking, and interacting with kids of all ages. I also love hanging out with my family and friends for game nights or just a relaxing time of conversation (and yummy food). I have an Associate in Arts Degree and have volunteered for my church in the Christian Education/Sunday School Department.

I started Pam’s Playschool because I want to have a successful business to incorporate all of my past experiences and love for children. My children are getting older, my family complete, so it was a good time to begin something that I have always wanted to do.

**Pam’s Playschool Philosophies**

My life experiences and previous jobs have taught me so much about children. Encouragement, positive reinforcement, praise, smiles, hugs, comfort, learning, silliness, listening, reading, and activity are only some of the things children need throughout their day. Kids thrive when they feel safe, when they have predictability. I believe in schedules and routines. Discipline should be firm but done with grace and love. Discipline is to teach, not shame or scold.

I treat every child that comes in my home as if they are my own. I respect them for who they are, enjoy their uniqueness and look for ways to work together. I do not take childcare lightly. I do not look at my job as a babysitter. Your child will be here for many hours a week. I am a big part of your child’s early years. I am here to help you care for your child. In Pam’s Playschool your child will learn and grow. He/She will receive the highest quality care. I will do age appropriate activities to help reach all the milestones and kindergarten readiness skills.

We will work together to ensure the safety and well being of your child.