



LifeSpan School-Age Care You Can Trust for Children

## Meet Our School-Age Administrative Faculty



### ***Ms. Amanda***

#### **Director of School Age and Summer Camp**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms. Amanda graduated from Penn State Lehigh Valley with her BS in Elementary and Kindergarten Education. Amanda has worked her way up to director by previously working as the Tohickon's Before School Group Supervisor and Family Coordinator. She studied to obtain her PA Directors Credential earning her position as Assistant Director and eventually Director of School-Age Programs.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Spending all day playing outside and throwing water balloons at her brothers.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* Children never cease to amaze me with their new ideas and imagination. I love seeing them grow and being a part of that growing process.



### ***Ms. Miranda***

#### **Family Coordinator of School Age and Summer Camp**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2005*

Ms. Mandy joined LifeSpan in 2005 working in the School Age Program and summer camp. She worked at the daycare as an assistant teacher in our Pre-K Counts class and has returned to School Age as the Family Coordinator and Group Supervisor at Tohickon Valley Elementary School.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Ms. Mandy grew up around antique and classic cars. One of her favorite things to do was wash and wax the cars with her mom to get ready for the shows!

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* She is fun and likes to play with the children and have a good time while allowing the children to learn and explore with her!



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## Quakertown Faculty



**Ms. Cris**

**Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2014*

Ms. Cris is the group supervisor at Quakertown Elementary. She has been involved with the Quakertown Elementary School for 5 years; she has two siblings who attend and she volunteers for their school wide activities and field trips. She currently is working towards her Associate's Degree at Bucks County Community College in Early Education k-4. She plans to complete her B.S. Degree at LaSalle University.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Riding my bike to the Memorial Park and Quakertown Pool with my brother and friends all afternoon.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* Because I like knowing that I can make a difference in their lives. I love the students and their continuing ability to amaze me. They remind adults of life's simplicity and beauty.



**Mrs. Monserrat**

**Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2013*

Mrs. Monserrat has worked for the Quakertown Community School District since 1999 as a Reading Aide at Quakertown Elementary. She also works the before school program at Quakertown Elementary. Ms. Monserrat is also working towards earning her School-Age Credential and received the Credential of Competency for Special Education Para Educators.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Growing up with 3 sisters and a brother and always having someone to play with.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I enjoy working with children because they show unconditional love and trust. Children spend the better part of their day with their teachers and we have to support them through learning, play and communication. Children are our future!



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## Quakertown Faculty



**Mrs. Krause**

**Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2013*

Mrs. Krause has worked for the Quakertown Community School District since 2002 as an Instructional Teachers Aide at Quakertown Elementary. She has worked for LifeSpan's afterschool program at Quakertown Elementary since 2013

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* going to the beach each and every summer with my best friends.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I enjoy working with children, because I find it very rewarding when a child you have been teaching something specific to, finally gets what you have been trying to teach them all along. I love to see the light bulb go on.



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## Pfaff Faculty



**Ms. Mackenzie**

**Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2009*

Miss Mackenzie graduated from Gwynedd-Mercy College with a BS in Elementary Education. I've been doing before and after school for the past six years. I am site supervisor at Pfaff Elementary.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* My favorite childhood memory is going up to Old Forge, New York and spending the week hiking, swimming, mini-golfing and just being with my family.

*Why do you love working with children?:* I love working with children because I love watching them learn and grow throughout the year. In my free time I love going up to Potter County 4-wheeling or down to Cape May Beach to relax.



**Ms. Sara**

**Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2013*

Ms. Sara graduated from Quakertown High School in 2013. She is an Early Education Major at Bucks County Community College majoring in pre-k to 4<sup>th</sup> grade education. She has been working with children since 2009. Ms. Sara is a "shared faculty member" between School-Age and Quakertown LifeSpan's Early Learning Center.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* My favorite childhood memory is going to Disney World with my family.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?* I love working with children because I love to see their individual personalities and creativity. In my free time I love to go camping with my family and friends.



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## Pfaff Faculty



### **Ms. Monica**

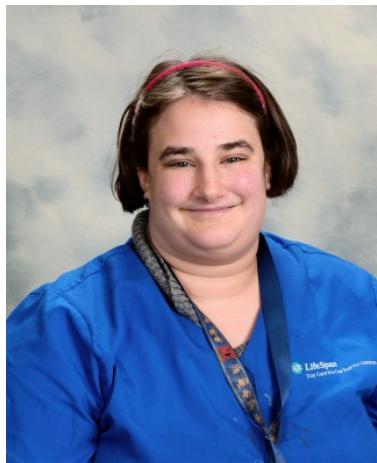
#### **Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2014*

Monica is the assistant site supervisor for before and after school at Pfaff Elementary. She graduated from Pennridge high school in 2014. She will be attending Bucks County Community College as a sophomore majoring in special education. I have worked with children for the past 3 years.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* My favorite memory as a child was going to my grand-parents house at Bethany beach. In my free time I love hanging out with my friends.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I love working with children because I love seeing their different personalities.



### **Ms. Renee**

#### **Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms. Renee graduated from Bucks County Community College with an AA in Paraprofessional Instructional Assistant. Ms. Renee is “shared faculty member” between School-Age and Quakertown LifeSpan’s Early Learning Center she is a teacher’s assistant as well as a substitute within the Quakertown Community School District.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Always winning at wii video games against my mom

*Why you enjoy working with children?:* Children inspire me to do other things.



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## Tohickon Valley Faculty



**Ms. Miranda**

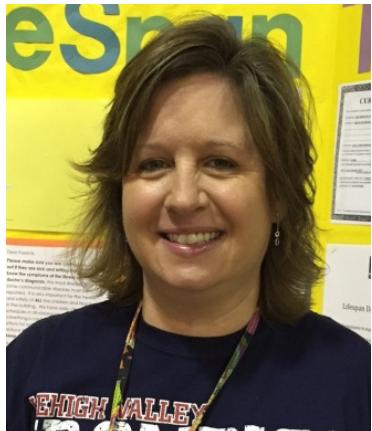
**Family Coordinator of School Age and Summer Camp Program**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2005*

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*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Ms. Mandy grew up around antique and classic cars. One of her favorite things to do was wash and wax the cars with her mom to get ready for the shows!

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* She is fun and likes to play with the children and have a good time while allowing the children to learn and explore with her!



**Mrs. Murphy**

**Assistant Group Site Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Mrs. Murphy has worked as an Instructional Aide for the Quakertown Community School District at Tohickon Valley Elementary since 2005. She has worked at several of our before and after school program but has spent most of her time at Tohickon Valley. Mrs. Murphy also obtain her Associates Degree from BCCC in Office Administration.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Spending summers at the Jersey shore

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I enjoy working with children because of their smiles, laughter and quirky comments about the world and the way they view it.



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## Richland Faculty



**Ms. Rain**

**Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms. Rain is working towards her Bachelor's Degree at Kutztown University for elementary education grades 4-8th with concentrations in math and social studies.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Walking with my friends around town to the local park and Rita's water ice over summer vacation.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I enjoy working with children because they all have a different story to tell in their own way.



**Ms. Dawn**

**Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2014*

Ms. Dawn has enjoyed working with children for over 30 years. She earned her Child Development Associates at BCCC in 2006. She is a mom of three children and fosters two other children.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Playing on the beach in her home town of Cape May, NJ.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I enjoy working with children of all ages. I enjoy their positive attitude towards life in general. To children, everything is new and fun. I like helping children and knowing that my helping them matters and makes a difference.



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## Trumbauersville Elementary



**Ms. Erica**

**Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2014*

Erica is the site supervisor at Trumbauersville Elementary for our before school program. She has been working with children since she was 14 years old; this includes summer camps, daycares, babysitting, and taking care of younger family members. Erica earned her bachelors degree from Temple University in Early Childhood Education.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* My favorite childhood memory is going camping with my family, skiing in Vermont, and playing sports with my friends.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I enjoy working with children because I admire children's creativity, their endless energy, and their laughter. I enjoy helping and watching children learn and grow through meaningful activities that they will remember for a lifetime.



**Ms. Maddie**

**Teacher's Aide and Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2014*

Maddie has been working with children since she was 15 years old in various positions such as babysitting, summer camp programs, and being a nanny. Maddie is a shared staff member between the before school program at Trumbauersville Elementary School and the daycare. She currently has an Associate's degree of Applied Science and is planning to go back to school in the near future to further her career in Early Childhood Education.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* My favorite childhood memory is of spending time at my grandparents' beach house where I enjoyed quality family time biking, swimming, and cookouts.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I like working with children because they bring out my inner child and put a big smile on my face every day.

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## Neidig Elementary



**Mr. Joe**

**Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 1996*

Mr. Joe was LifeSpan's Quakertown Center's Private Academic Kindergarten teacher for 17 years. He attended Lock Haven with a BS in Elementary Education. He currently works at the before school program at Neidig elementary school.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Riding my bike to the park to play baseball or tennis and then swimming.

*Why do you like working with children?:* Seeing the excitement on students faces when they learn something new.



**Mrs. Michele S**

**Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms. Michele (Mrs. S) has worked for the Quakertown School District since 2007 as Reading Specialist at Richland Elementary.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* One of my fondest memories from my childhood in Elementary School was playing the clarinet and making district band.

*Why do you like working with children?:* I love to see the progress that they make throughout the year.



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## Support Faculty

Though all LifeSpan faculty may be seen at any site as needed per staffing adjustments. LifeSpan's Support Faculty are more likely to be seen at various locations more than others.



**Mr. Hunter**

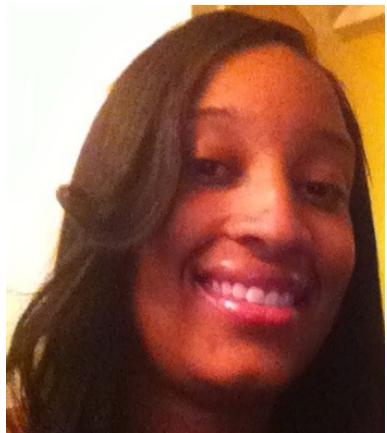
**Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2011*

Mr. Hunter is the Music, Spanish and Sign Language instructor at all of our LifeSpan Child Care facilities. Hunter attended Lebanon Valley College with a BS in Music Education and Vocal Performance. He has been working in child care since 2009.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Playing outside from morning to evening during the summer months.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I love watching them try something new without any abandonment. They are so genuine and willing to explore.



**Ms. Phylisha**

**Assistant Group Site Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms Phylisha has over 10 years experience of working with children. She currently holds certificates in Medical Assistant, Medical office Administration, and she hold her degree in Health Service Management.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* The reason I love working with children is because, I love to see the smiles on their faces, when we do things that makes them happy. I enjoy seeing the children grow and transform everyday. I look forward to seeing all of LifeSpan children this year.



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## Support Faculty



**Ms. Katherine**

**Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms. Katherine earned her Bachelors in Elementary Education from Alvernia University. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Special Education at Edinboro University. Ms. Katherine also recently became a certified welder. 4 years of experience working with children and adolescents.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* My families annual trip to Cape May.  
*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I enjoy working with children because they make the day interesting. Not only can I teach them, but they can teach me.



**Ms. Erin**

**Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms. Erin attends the University of Pennsylvania with a major of Criminology. Ms. Erin is also a LifeSpan alumni who attended our LifeSpan program. She rotates between difference school sites, the daycare and summer camp.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Going to the Quakertown Soccer Fields with my family to go on bike rides and play soccer together, then going to Dairy Queen for ice cream after.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I like working at LifeSpan with kids because I love to make them smile, laugh, and just enjoy the summer with their friends.



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### **Ms. Taylor**

#### **Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms. Taylor has earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. I have worked with children since I was 13, babysitting for family friends. I have worked for another day care while attending Elizabethtown College. I also have head coached a volleyball team consisting of girls aged 12-13.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Whenever my family and I went to the beach. We always went to Ocean City, New Jersey and I have many great memories from those vacations.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* Because you never know what is going to happen. They keep you on your toes and its always a wonderful time.



### **Ms. Michelle W.**

#### **Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2006*

Ms. Michelle works for LifeSpan's after school program as well as for the Quakertown Community School District where she has worked in the cafeteria as a cook since 2007.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Fishing with my dad.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* To help them be creative in their learning environment.



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**Mr. Bhavik**  
**Assistant Group Supervisor**  
*Joined LifeSpan in 2015*

Mr. Bhavik is currently working on his Bachelors degree in Rehabilitation and Human services. He is a shared staff between Quakertown Child daycare and school-age.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Spending time with my faming and going to have family picnics.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* I like to be part of their development and watch them grow.



**Ms. Jess D.**  
**Group Supervisor/ Pre-K Counts Teacher**  
*Joined LifeSpan in 2014*

Jessica currently works at our Quakertown Child daycare. She has been working with children of different ages since 2007. Jessica received her associates degree in Early Childhood Education in May 2014.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* When my dad rescued abandoned ducklings and we raised them by hand.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?:* Because of their fascination for the world and their excitement and enthusiasm for learning.



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## Support Faculty



**Ms. Beth**

**Assistant Group Supervisor**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2011*

During the school year I work for Quakertown Community School District. I started at the old Pfaff school and then transitioned to Trumbauersville elementary school. For the last 19 years I have been an instructional aide and a substitute teacher. I am certified in elementary education and special education.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Being on vacation in North Carolina with my seven sisters, my brother and my parents.

*Why do you enjoy working with children?*: Seeing the joy in a child's face when they accomplish a goal is why I love working with children.



**Ms. Jess O.**

**Group Supervisor/ Pre-K Counts Teacher**

*Joined LifeSpan in 2012*

Ms. Jess joined LifeSpan in 2012 as our Pre-K Counts teacher. She has her BS in Early Childhood Education from Edinboro University.

*Favorite Childhood Memory:* Ms. Jess grew up on a farm and one of her favorite things to do as a child was to pick green beans and mushrooms from the woods with her Grandpa and Grandma!

*Why do you enjoy working with children?*: She is calm and creative, making sure she meets the varying needs in her class.