

Michelle Guthrie
Director of Operations
Acting Director ~ Pinkham Road



Michelle has worked for Growing Places since 1996 and has held teaching and administrative positions. She graduated from Plymouth State College with a BA in Psychology/Child Development.

Michelle loves to work on building a warm, trusting and engaging environment that support families and staff. Her strength is in helping to create a strong sense of community that is inclusive of diverse families, children and staff.

Michelle lives in Barrington with her husband, Jim and daughters Tallis (3) and Marlow (1). Both girls attend Growing Places. Michelle's family includes her beloved animals, two dogs and one cat. Michelle loves being outside, watching her children grow and experience the world around them, cooking, and traveling.

Kate A. Milne
Pinkham Road Preschool Teacher



Kate has been working at Growing Places since 1988 (soon to be 22 years!) She has a BA from UNH and earned her Early Childhood Certificate from the School of Lifelong Learning. During her tenure at Growing Places she has held a number of different positions including preschool and pre k teaching and administration. She was a Program Director, and Director of Personnel and Training.

Last year Kate returned to the classroom after 15 years in administration. She feels that she has, in a way “come home”. She loves establishing routines to help children feel safe and empowered. (She loves thinking on her feet in an appropriate and respectful way to handle the ups and downs of a day in preschool, it keeps her creative juices flowing.) She feels that observing children engaged in the learning process is one of the most rewarding aspects of teaching.

Kate feels that for the past 22 years Growing Places has truly been a place that has allowed her to grow as a person and a professional, and is in synch with her personal philosophy about teaching and life.

Lindsay Michael
Pinkham Road Preschool Teacher



Lindsay has worked for Growing Places for the past for years as a Preschool Teacher. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at Plymouth State University, with a minor in Child Welfare and Family Studies.

Lindsay loves her work at Growing Places and delights in watching the children explore and grow each day. She feels that she has formed amazing relationships with children, families and co workers. Lindsay is skilled at providing children with exciting and interested projects, singing and dancing, and story-time.

Lindsay enjoys spending time with her family and her 5 cats! She also loves to shop, work out at the gym and spend time with friends. Lindsay has a camp at Milton Three Ponds that she enjoys spending time at throughout the year.

Sally Kopf
Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Pinkham Road



Sally's background reflects a career spanning 20+ years in child development, human services and fundraising. Sally has been a part of teaching at schools from California to Maine. She is in her final year of classes, (having attended Ventura and New England College) and is working on a BS in Early Childhood Education.

Of Sally's valued qualities as part of a classroom team she brings knowledge of behavior management and sensory integration. Sally's interest in early literacy, and learning through play are seen in her thoughtful curriculum plans. Sally is nurturing, patient, and consistent. She has Montessori training and incorporates many varied learning philosophies she has studied. She is an imaginative, resourceful, flexible, and open-minded teacher.

Sally lives with her family in Strafford on an 1830's farm, where she gardens, tends to her hens, and makes plans for a small herd of goats in the future.