

VOICE for Children

2025 VOICE for Children Award Recipient

Sonya Geisinger

Owner/Operator, Sonya Sue Geisinger's Family Daycare

Sonya Geisinger is the proud owner and operator of a family child care business in Coopersburg, PA. She has a tight relationship with her families which has been a key to her success in this field. She is currently in the process of obtaining her Associates Degree through Lehigh Carbon Community College. Along her journey she obtained her School Age Credential, Child Development Associate and completed the courses to obtain her Directors Credential.

Upon graduating high school, she knew immediately that she had a passion for growing and engaging with children, witnessing all their milestones, and truly showing them the respect and patience they deserve. Sonya believes that children need to be given the opportunity to make choices and guided through experiences that foster learning in a fun manner. She was employed in a child care center as an Assistant Teacher in the preschool classroom. While in that position for almost three years, over time she realized that center-based care was not aligning with her core values and beliefs. She found herself not being as passionate about attending from time to time and she knew that she needed to make a change.



In 2016 she decided that she was going to take a leap of faith and convert her entire downstairs area into a space that fostered an environment geared towards meeting the child's needs exactly where they were. She wanted to create an environment that allowed the children to explore and dive deep into their curiosity, she wanted to guide them in their abilities to learn and give them opportunities to grow and really gain the confidence within themselves as individuals. Becoming licensed and obtaining all the necessary requirements to operate a child care facility is exhausting but it was the best decision she ever made. She quickly became involved with Keystone STARS going from a STAR 1 to STAR 4 rating.

She is all about family engagement and getting to know her families. Being a family provider is so much more than a child care provider, she holds all her families both past and present very close to her heart, they attend her family functions and her family attends theirs as well. Being a family provider, she offers a close relationship with each family enrolled. Sonya knows so much about the children in her program and she gives them 110% . As a family care provider with only herself as staff, Sonya is front and center each day meeting the needs of the children. Sonya builds trust and strong relationships with families. Embracing the true meaning of continuity of care, Sonya is proud to serve many children from enrollment at six weeks of age until they transition to school or are no longer in need of child care services.



Over the years she has never had to advertise, it has always been word of mouth, families who tell other families and so forth. She feels it is crucial being in this role to know that children need to be treated like humans, they need to be given the opportunity to have choices and feel like they have some control of their environments. Taking this approach has really proven itself by never having to suspend a family or child from the program, children arrive each day smiling and willingly walking through that door, pleased to see her and ready to learn in their classroom. She always makes sure she is on the floor and engaging with the children, being the guidance they need to succeed.

