# Philippa Orrington

**Lead Early Childhood Educator**

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## SUMMARY

Early childhood educator with 7 years teaching infants, toddlers and preschoolers, leading a 16-child preschool room for the last 4. Plans play-based, emergent curriculum, completes developmental observations for every child and holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education with state teacher licensure.

## EXPERIENCE

### Lead Preschool Educator — Aspen Hollow Early Learning Center

Denver, CO · Aug 2021 – Present

- Lead a room of 16 children aged 3 to 5 with 1 co-teacher, planning weekly play-based units from children's interests.
- Complete portfolio observations and 3 checkpoint assessments a year for every child, all submitted before each deadline.
- Ran 32 family conferences a year with a 100% attendance rate by offering early morning, evening and video slots.
- Supported 5 children with IEP goals each year by working with 2 visiting therapists and adapting room routines.
- Helped the center pass 4 annual licensing visits and a quality rating review with 0 room citations.

### Toddler Teacher — Little Larkspur Child Development Center

Aurora, CO · Jun 2018 – Jul 2021

- Cared for and taught 10 toddlers aged 15 to 30 months, keeping 1:5 ratios and detailed daily reports for each family.
- Screened 30+ toddlers with a standard developmental screener, referring 4 for early intervention with family consent.
- Guided 25 children through toilet learning in partnership with families, using shared charts sent home each day.

## SKILLS

Curriculum: Play-based and emergent learning, project approach, early literacy and math, sensory and outdoor play

Assessment: Portfolio observation, checkpoint assessments, developmental screening, learning stories

Inclusion: IEP and IFSP support, visual schedules, social-emotional coaching, dual language learners

Health and safety: Pediatric First Aid and CPR, safe sleep, allergy plans, licensing rules, ratio management

## CERTIFICATIONS

Colorado Early Childhood Teacher License, 2019

Pediatric First Aid and CPR, 2025

Safe Sleep for Infants Training, 2024

## EDUCATION

B.A. Early Childhood Education, Metropolitan State University of Denver, 2018

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