

From the Director



Hello! My name is Natalie Shumway. I'm your new Director and I just wanted to take a minute to introduce myself.

I grew-up as a small town girl in central Utah, but have been living the city life throughout my adult years. That small town girl still lives inside though so when I'm not at work, I love

going "home" and spending time in nature with my family. I also enjoy reading, going to movies, being with friends, traveling and capturing memories through photography.

Professionally, I have 23 years of experience working with children of all ages. I graduated from Southern Utah University with degrees in both Elementary and Early Childhood Education. I have worked in multiple child care centers, taught Head Start Preschool for 12 years and worked in various administrative roles—including being a Center Director. In December of 2017, I took a leap of faith and joined the Bright Horizons family as a teacher then quickly grew into an Education Coordinator position. The first week I was with Bright Horizons I was completely in awe of the work they do and for the first time ever, I felt like I had found a company whose educational views and quality childcare beliefs completely matched my own.

I'm really excited to be here and to help create a quality space for your children to learn and grow. I look forward to meeting all of you as we start to build a great partnership together. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Bright Horizons® *World at Home* has gone live

Visit <https://blogs.brighthouse.com/familyroom/world-at-home> to see our new at-home learning program for families.

What is *World at Home*?

- A collection of at-home resources designed by our education team to give families the tools, inspiration, and structure to confidently create learning experiences at home
- Includes videos and activities for all of our curriculum areas, including yoga & mindfulness, STEM learning, Language Works, story time, cooking, and more
- Available for all age groups
- Resources for parents, including 30-minute webinars on topics such as creating a space for home learning and managing daily schedules

New content will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We'll also be previewing upcoming weekly content on Mondays to families via email and social media.

Plus, we're encouraging families to share what they're learning on social media by posting videos and photos with #BHWorlDatHome.



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World at Home

Learning AND Curriculum

AT BRIGHT HORIZONS



As BRIGHT HORIZONS EDUCATORS, We Promise To...

Nurture and care for the whole child

Craft an integrated curriculum based on expert research

Support and develop each teacher

Implement an emergent, inquiry-based approach to learning

Cultivate curiosity and creativity through projects, exploration, and play

Encourage children to be confident experimenters and problem solvers

Build an inclusive and respectful community

Create joyful places for childhood