

A MESSAGE FROM ERIN SIEMERS AND CINDY SHIELDS, SENIOR CHILD CARE DIRECTORS

Please meet Erin Siemers and Cindy Shields, Senior Child Care Directors for the Child Care Services Branch of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy.



Hi, my name is Erin Siemers and I have been working for the YMCA of MEWSA for 20 years in every capacity imaginable from swim instructor, birthday party specialist and camp counselor to Pre-K Teacher, School-Age Child Care Coordinator and Child Care Site Director. I have been in my current role of Senior Child Care Director since 2015 and oversee the operation of all of our Child Care Programs in Metuchen and Edison.

Hi, my name is Cindy Shields and I am responsible for the child care programs in the Woodbridge and Perth Amboy locations. My story began in 1993, when I was hired as an Infant and Toddler Lead Teacher at Edgar Early Learning Center, and eventually promoted to Assistant Director. From there I became Director at Our Savior's Learning Center from 1998 through 2004 and then Director at Grace Early Learning Center from 2004 through 2013. My current role is Senior Child Care Director and I oversee the operation of all of our Child Care Programs in Woodbridge and Perth Amboy, while providing support for South Amboy as well.



The YMCA of MEWSA is the largest child care provider in Middlesex County, serving over 1,000 children each day in our child care centers, school age locations and day camps. The YMCA offers learning programs and readiness opportunities for all children from infant/toddler and preschool through school age, including full and half day programs that teach academics, swimming lessons, physical fitness programs, field trips, enrichment classes, health and safety curriculum and more. We also offer Before and After School Care, Kindergarten Extended Days, Holiday Care and Summer Day Camp where youth engage in physical activities, learning opportunities and imaginative programs including STEM activities. Children throughout all of our programs are taught HEPA (healthy eating and physical activity) habits as part of our day to day curriculum. All of our child care centers follow NAEYC accreditation standards and are enrolled in the Grow NJ Kids Program, a quality initiative funded by the state of New Jersey. This affirms our commitment to continuously improving the well-being of all young children, with a particular focus on the quality of education and services provided to families enrolled in our programs.

We would love for you to come and visit one of our Early Learning or SACC Programs, so that you can see our facilities and meet our teachers and staff. We think you will quickly see that we are not just a child care center, but a family that you can trust with your most precious commodity...your children!

