

Valerie Frost-Lewis

Coming to the field of Early Education in 2006 from a career in corporate marketing and management, Valerie attained her Master of Science Degree in Education, with a Specialization in Early Childhood Education upon making this career switch. Valerie is the Owner/Director of The Peppermint Tree Child Development Center, in Toms River, NJ, a state licensed center with a four-star rating in Grow New Jersey Kids, the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System. Her center has also been selected by the state of New Jersey to implement the Pyramid Model, to support social emotional development of young children. She serves on the board of the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young (NJAEYC) children, running a local chapter of the organization to support early education in Ocean County, New Jersey.

As an organizational leader, motivator and provider of professional development both locally and nationally, to this board she contributes early childhood education expertise and a driving force to do the best we possibly can for young children.

Valerie is embracing, supporting, and piloting the Earth Friends curriculum. She is, admittedly, new to a focus on environmental education but is grateful to be learning and growing through this collaboration.