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Kathleen (Kathy) Jordan Pierre
Early Childhood Educator

Kathy Jordan Pierre is the Education Coordinator and Center Director for Pocono Services for Families and Children at The Mountain Center, Tobyhanna, PA. She supervises seven preschool classrooms, which include Head Start, Pre-K Counts, and tuition assistance through ELRC. She coordinates learning, services and events for the students, and provides education and support for the staff. Before coming to PSFC, Kathy served as Center Director for Care Givers 4 Kids in Clarks Summit, PA, Lead Teacher and Assistant Center Director at Sunshine and Rainbows Learning Center in Moosic, PA, Lead Teacher and Director at St. Catherine's Preschool and Latchkey Program in Moscow, PA, and Program Director for the Boys' and Girls' Club in Scranton, PA. Many of the students Kathy has taught throughout her 20+ years in the classroom have received tuition assistance, and she is a strong supporter of providing the best possible start for ALL young children, regardless of income, family situation, or social status.

Kathy was born and raised in Pennsylvania, living most of her life in Lackawanna County. She is the oldest of five children who were raised with the belief that all people are put on this Earth to help one another. Growing up, she and her family volunteered at their church and with the local volunteer fire department, as well as helping to develop their community's recycling program. While still a teenager, Kathy spent many years teaching at St. Catherine's Parish, where she discovered her passion for education. When she married and had children of her own, she continued this tradition of giving back. While her children were young, Kathy volunteered with each of their schools, sports organizations, and Scouting activities. Now that her children have grown, Kathy remains active in her community as a member of the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department and frequently jumps in when she sees a need that isn't being met. Kathy became one of the faces of ALICE through this commitment to service. She received an e-mail looking for people to share their stories. She responded and was approached about sharing her story on a wider scale. She agreed, hoping that her story would reach others and hopefully inspire them.

Kathy graduated from North Pocono High School and went on to attend Marywood College (now Marywood University). While attending Marywood, Kathy became a single parent, giving birth to her daughter just before starting her second year. She managed to carry a full class load and graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. She credits her family's support for this accomplishment and has dedicated her teaching career to providing similar support to all parents struggling to raise their children in difficult circumstances. She went on to earn a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from Walden University, specializing in Diversity in ECE. She earned her Director's Certificate last

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year and has plans to further her education in the near future. Kathy currently resides in Moscow with her husband. Her four adult children are currently working and serving the communities in which they live.

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