



**Annie Breitenstein**

**Education:**

Bachelor of Science, Biology  
University of Dayton

Master of Science in Education, Curriculum and Instruction  
Outdoor Teacher Education  
Northern Illinois University

American Montessori Society  
Infant-Toddler Certification, Birth to Three years  
MECA Seton Training Center

**Keystone Experience: (2003 - Present)**

Substitute Primary Teacher  
Assistant Toddler Directress  
Educational Director, Infant-Toddler Program  
Parent-Infant Directress  
Toddler Class Directress

## **Workshop Presentations:**

Parent Enrichment, Developing a Strong Community through Parent Enrichment  
Association of Illinois Montessori Schools, 2020 Annual Conference Workshop

Practical Applications of Hand-made Materials  
Seton Montessori School, 2016 Infant-Toddler Summer Academics Session Workshop

Handmade Materials for the Infant and Toddler Environment  
Collaboration for Early Childhood, 2016 Annual Early Childhood Symposium Workshop

The Hand is the Key to Intelligence: Handmade Materials for the Infant Toddler Montessori Environment  
American Montessori Society, 2015 Annual Conference

After being in the Montessori classroom with my own children, and watching their natural interest and love of learning grow at Keystone, I followed their lead and went to “Montessori School,” too. With my background in outdoor education and biology, Montessori fit right in with my interests. My passion for working with the youngest learners continues to bring peace and amazement every time I am in the classroom. I appreciate being the learner as well as the educator, as the toddlers have taught me many lessons, too: clean up after yourself; have patience; live in the moment; be silly; I can do it myself. Keystone has been a big part of my life as a parent and an educator.