

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



Morgan Haferland

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Morgan Haferland always wanted a career that would allow her to work with children.

She found her dream job at the Columbus Community Hospital Child Care Center. Haferland said the support she received from the hospital since she began working at the center in 2017 makes it a great place to work.

“There should always be the opportunity for growth in any child care setting,” she said. **“The fact that CCH supports our goal of being the best child care center we can be has made working for CCH a dream come true.”**

Haferland is the assistant director of the center, a position she took in 2020. In that role, she assists the director with supervising staff, child care responsibilities and office work. The job is anything but routine.

“In child care, you have to be extremely flexible with children, parents, staff, office tasks and classroom activities,” she said. **“The director and I work together to prioritize the children’s needs, schedules and changes, which**

are most important. From there, we work with the staff to fix any kinks that might arise throughout the day.”

Haferland started as an infant teacher at the center before becoming assistant director. She has an extensive background in child care, starting with babysitting. She also worked as an infant/toddler and preschool teacher at two different centers, which taught her about leadership.

Later, she was promoted to director and held that position for a year before transitioning to CCH’s Child Care Center. She said her knowledge and experience from previous roles has helped her at CCH.

The center is able to serve more than 100 children, giving priority first to employees’ children, then children of physicians and medical and clinic staff. If there is any space after serving those groups, members of the public can apply for a spot. The center offers programs for infants ages 6 weeks to 18 months and toddlers ages 18-36 months. It also provides preschool classes, pre-kindergarten for children older than four and

care for school-aged children until they are 12.

Haferland is always looking to expand her knowledge on caring for children. She has completed a management training program and other training and continuing education hours required by the state. Working in a child care setting is never dull, she said, and it is just one of many career options at CCH.

“I encourage everyone to consider a position in health care, even if it’s not in direct patient care,” Haferland said. **“There are many components that make health care what it is, and I feel fortunate to be working in child care for Columbus Community Hospital.”**

For more information about the Columbus Community Hospital Child Care Center, visit columbushosp.org.