

## Joy Tangalin

Ever since her teenager years as the neighborhood babysitter alongside her twin sister, Joanne, Joy Tangalin has enjoyed taking care of children. Some of these jobs turned into long term jobs, caring for infants until they grew into toddlers. Later, Joy herself became a mother, but continued to care for many other children as well. After the birth of her third child, the idea of starting a formal career in child care became clear. "Nurturing was a natural for me," says Joy, and being a child care provider would be "a labor of love."

Joy's mother suggested she go to PATCH to get guidance in opening her own child care business. In August 2000 she was able to open "Joy's Rainbow Daycare." During the past decade, she has attended many different early childhood education classes to better herself as a child care provider and a mother. Joy has been a long time participant of the USDA Food Program, ensuring that the children in her care eat nutritional meals. She is also a participant in the Quality Care Program – a PATCH program that provides monthly children activities and support for her to use with the kids in her care.

Joy says she thrives on the opportunity to give daily care to the many beautiful children that she has come to know. Joy embraces diversity, knowing that "all children come in many different ways just like the colors of a rainbow."

### **What parents have to say about Joy:**

"I like Joy Tangalin because every time I pick up my son ...he is very happy. We have tried other daycare providers and have not seen the same results."

"No matter what time of day I show up to pick up ...Joy seems to have the kids interacting with each other."

"My child has been with her family child care provider for only a few months but in that short amount of time I've seen such a big difference with her learning, language, and overall behavior. She has grown so much. Since starting daycare, she plays with her doll more and will mimic her provider. She talks so nicely to her doll and will "read" books to him and have circle time. My daughter also wants to do circle time with us and has developed more of an interest with books since starting daycare. She is able to focus more on the books we read to her and we are able to finish the stories. Prior to this, she would become disinterested very quickly (this also applies to other things she does) and is now able to do her activities for a longer period. She can now count and knows her days of the week. I feel so blessed, fortunate, and thankful to have my child attend her daycare while we are working."

"The provider's daycare is a mini preschool. She has artwork hanging and will change her decor to the different themes. She also has different centers set up in the area. She is very friendly and warm. Her daycare is an extremely happy and welcoming environment for the children. She is also available whenever I have questions. You can just tell that she loves her job and enjoys what she is doing."

"During my child's first few weeks, Joy would give a progress report of what she ate, how much, diaper changing info, what she liked, and what she did during the day. She has a binder that she sends home which includes activity sheets that my child did, monthly activity newsletters (it gives parent tips on projects, a song, and things to do with our child which coincides with their learning), and other projects they work on."

"Joy provides a nurturing environment for her daycare children. She is sincere in her goal of preparing children when they enter pre-school and/or kindergarten. Her business is not to "baby sit", but to provide a warm and loving place to help the children "grow". The parents of the daycare children are always kept abreast of each child's needs, progress, and achievements. If had to put complete trust in a child care provider, Joy is someone you can believe in and have full faith she will care for your children."

"At Joy's day care, children love to stay with her when their parents come to pick them up. Her love for each child is felt by the child as well as the parents."

Joy uses a newsletter to keep communications with the child's parents. She also speaks to each parent/guardian in the morning and afternoon. Joy uses a curriculum to provide age appropriate activities that help children learn something new each day. She provides a complete package similar to school setting. Each child develops socially, mentally, and physically.