



TAYLOR BRANCH YMCA

YOUTH & FAMILY MANAGER

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I am now the Youth and Family Manager here at the Taylor Family Branch YMCA, but what is really amazing is how I got here. When I was 19, I started working in the Stay-n-Play room here at the Y. I had always loved working with children but I had never been in that sort of environment before (I had only worked in a school setting) and I didn't know what to expect, but I instantly loved it. All the staff welcomed me, and I started to build great relationships with a lot of the parents that brought their children to Stay-n-Play. After I started building these relationships with not only the community but with the staff, I realized that the Y was quickly becoming more than just "a job" to me.

As I continued with my years with the Y, I started working in as many departments as I could. I worked in the membership department at the front desk, the aquatics department as a swim teacher and lifeguard, and the dance department as a teacher, but I never gave up working in childcare. My heart has always lied with the children and the families of our community. I then started working at one of our Afterschool Programs as a counselor and quickly fell in love with the program. The opportunity came for me to become the Site Coordinator at that school and I couldn't turn it down.

Not only did I fall in love with the Afterschool program but I also fell in love with summer camp where I also started as a counselor and then later became the Summer Camp Coordinator. I loved every minute I spent with the children in the programs. These years at the Y have really changed who I am. All children come from different circumstances and I soon realized it was our job to make sure they had the time of their lives while they were with us no matter what. After coming to those realizations, I started to make this place my home even more so than before. I was (and am) here most days as much as I can be and I find that I hang out even after I am done working. 15 years have gone by since my very first shift working here at the Y and I don't think I'll ever leave.