



Tina Washington (Teacher, The Betty Sterner Preschool in Catonsville)

We had the pleasure of visiting the preschool for their back-to-school night, the day after Ms. Tina was celebrated for her decades of caring for the children of the Y Preschool community.

Bettina Washington (Ms. Tina) has been at the Betty Sterner Y Preschool since it opened back in 1993! She started as a part-time teacher with the Y while also teaching full time at her church's preschool. In 2015, Tina's church preschool decided to close and she came onboard at the Y full time.

Ms. Tina has seen multiple generations of several families come through the doors at the Betty Sterner Y Preschool and when folks come back to visit, they are so shocked that Ms. Tina is still here!

Ms. Tina works in the two-year-olds classroom, and along with her co-teacher, is a potty-training wiz! Parents often come to her with questions about child rearing and other parenting related questions, viewing her as an expert in the field. She mentors new associates as a part of their onboarding. She also has taken on the job of "sunshine coordinator" where she plans celebrations for associate birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, and graduations. She is also the first to corral the troops when someone is in need.

They truly broke the mold when they made Ms. Tina! We are fortunate to have her as a part of our Y family!

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