



POLESTAR GARDENS

spirit, community, life-long learning.

Polestar Gardens Youth Summer Day Camp: Meet Our Program Directors

Susan Bakel Cohn holds Montessori certifications at Five Levels: Early Childhood, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, Adolescence, and Teacher Training for the Primary classroom. She has taught children from 3 to 15 years of age, adult learners and youth summer camps for over 15 years in California, Arkansas and Kansas.

Susan has dedicated 43 years to the successful education of children and has received two John Hopkins Awards for her dedication and efforts. In addition to JHU Teaching Awards, Susan was honored with the Dominican University Caritas Veritas Award in 2018, and the Wisdom of the Elders Award in 2022 from the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education.

Upon retirement in 2015, she continued her work in Montessori education by assisting Kansas State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Randy Watson, in his initiative to promote the Montessori framework within all Kansas public school's kindergarten through high school. This program is currently very successful and will be fully operational in all Kansas public schools by 2025. An advocate of life-long learning, Susan is currently studying the [Education for Life program](#), an educational approach that guides children not only to be successful in academic and professional life, but also teaches skills for "how to live" – to prepare the child to face the challenges of life and achieve balance and harmony at the physical, mental and spiritual levels, by creating a culture of kindness and compassion with respect for individual differences.

Susan welcomes your questions and looks forward to meeting your family this summer. She can be reached at (707) 318-9341 and susancohn@yahoo.com.



Nancy Hughes, the Youth and Family Director at Unity of Fort Collins, is deeply committed to fostering the growth of young individuals. With her solid educational background, she inspires others to recognize their potential and takes great joy in observing their distinct development. Her position is a true vocation, fueling her dedication as a mentor on their transformative paths of self-discovery.





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