



Name: April Pepperdine

Position: Administrative Support

Degrees:

- Working on a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Non-Profit Organizations at UM-Flint
- Bachelor of Science from UM-Flint in Clinical/Community Psychology with minors in Women's and Gender Studies & Sociology

About Me: I was hired at the ECDC in September 2002 as a student staff member. I started in a classroom working directly with the children then moved to the kitchen. Since I had the experience and knowledge as one of the first people that started working at the ECDC before the center opened, I began assisting with the administration in 2004. I became a full-time staff member in April 2008. I am dedicated to my position at the ECDC and have grown into a different person since working here. I have a good idea where I want to be in five years and hope that's possible at my second home, the ECDC. I reside in Grand Blanc with my boyfriend and three rescued kitties.

Professional Interests:

- Getting the education to go along with the experience of being an administrator
- How to incorporate technology into our program to use less paper and potentially become paperless
- Grant writing/fund development
- Community partnerships/involvement

Areas of Expertise: I am the go-to person at the ECDC. You will find me working up front with families on billing, in an observation room fixing a computer or even in a classroom assisting when necessary. I am very knowledgeable in most of the areas at the ECDC.

Research Interests:

- Use of technology in an early childhood setting
- How food impacts children's development and behavior