

# Lauren Summers



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**Age:** 28

**Work:** Daycare Teacher

**Family:** Married

**Children:** 0

**Location:** NYC, NY

**Education:** BA, Early Childhood Education, Wellesley College; M.Ed, Columbia University

**Income:** 37,000

## Goals

- Run her own schools in the U.S.a and abroad
- Learn more languages

## Pet Peeves

- Pessimistic/negative people – "I avoid them like the plague!"

## Unique Fact

Knows every song from Hamilton! Seen the Broadway musical 12 times.

## Devices



triathlons

#netflixandchill

playing with her Golden Retriever

I am Lauren Summers, a daycare provider at Hello Kitty Early Learning Center. I am originally from a small town in Wisconsin and went to Wellesley College, an all women's college in Massachusetts on a full scholarship. During my time there I work-studied with Jump-Start, an after-school development program for underprivileged youth, and that is where it hit me, that this is what I'd like to do for my life.

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After graduation, I participated in Teachers-Without-Borders in Somalia, but had to leave prematurely because of some internal political crisis. I tried to re-apply for another country, but there were so many complications because of a disease scare, I just gave up. At that point, I figured it would be a good idea to get my Masters of Education, which landed me at Columbia University in New York City. I am now pretty much settled here, until I get a chance to work overseas again!

I enjoy what I do, I just love coming in everyday and working with these kids. They are so full of energy and so innocent. The thing that concerns me the most is the worried parent that wants everything perfect for their child. I totally get it. My main goal is to put the parents at ease, by assuring we are trustworthy and responsible. We treat all the children as if they are our own.

Anything that will give the parent any peace of mind makes me as a daycare provider even happier. I can go to sleep at night knowing that I've done a good job each and everyday. In certain circumstances, some of these parents don't have relatives nearby, or they work demanding jobs. We have lawyers, doctors, financial analyst, and even some students who figured they cannot stop what they are doing to watch their child during the day, so they trust us to do that.

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