

Christa Niven

Christa Niven, Head of Journey School in Lynnwood, Washington

Christa Niven heads Journey School, a nature school in Lynnwood, Washington, founded on the principles of Reggio-Emilia, natural play and Conscious Discipline. As head of school, Christa Niven connects educational initiatives to the community and oversees a staff of 40. Prior to heading Journey School, she oversaw the turnaround of A Child's Journey School, which became recognized as a top choice in the area less than a year after she took the helm.

Over the course of two decades, Christa Niven and her husband have cared for more than 30 foster children, many of whom struggled with chemical dependencies or had been diagnosed with oppositional defiance disorder. They have hosted young moms and their children, as well as adjudicated boys.

An organic gardener, Ms. Niven ensures that Journey School relies on local and organic food.

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EXPERIENCE

A Journey School
Director/Head of School

SEP 2014 - PRESENT

A Child's Journey School
Head of School

OCT 2013 - SEP 2014

Veritas Academy
Assistant to the Head of School

FEB 2013 - SEP 2013

EDUCATION

Cornell University
Certificate

JAN 2000 - MAR 2001

The University of Minnesota
BS

SEP 1993 - JUN 1997