

Meet Mary Ellen Otis

Age: 54

Current Hometown:
North Pomfret, VT

Current Profession:
Director, Parent Child
Center

Other Jobs Held:
consultant, early education
program teacher and
director, waitress/hostess,
deli manager, deli cook

Hobbies/Interests:
gardening, being outdoors,
sewing & knitting, reading,
word puzzles

Strengths:
communication skills,
sense of humor, optimism,
patience, ability to
collaborate



How do you use your strengths in your job?

Today's young families face many challenges, and I believe in parents' desire to help their children have a good life. When the going gets tough and the challenges seem most pressing, I find it helpful to tap into my strengths—dig in, work harder and appreciate the humor in a situation whenever possible.

What was your biggest learning challenge in school?

I talked too much! Talking when I wasn't supposed to was the thing that got me in trouble most often.

What motivates you to go to work?

I am passionate about the value of the work I do. Children are our most important asset and deserve the best start possible. Raising kids is a hard job, and it is a privilege to support families in this important work.

Every job has specific skills. What do you need in yours?

Written and oral communication skills, financial management, flexibility