



# Tri-Valley

Opportunity Council, Inc.

*Employee Spotlight*

## Nancy Mellesmoen

Early Childhood Coach

Multiple Locations

**What's your name?** Nancy Mellesmoen

**What's your title and location at Tri-Valley?** Early Childhood Coach; Locations: Elysian, Monticello, Sleepy Eye, Winnebago, Home Office and other sites I am needed.

**What's your favorite thing about working in your position?** Working side-by-side with others, helping them to fulfill their educational dreams and goals. As well as, helping them to see the difference they are making in the lives of children, families and adults they work with, through their teaching actions, words, and creative adventures each day. Sharing my passion of curriculum, and conscious discipline to make a difference.

**Before working at Tri-Valley, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?** I was a Discovery Toys Consultant for 10 years, I attended conferences, had home parties and recruited 7 consultants to join, in my direct line, in the company.

**Tell us about your family and/or pets.** I am married and I have 7 young adults I call my children, 3 grandchildren – 1 more on the way, and a total of 5 “grand puppies”.

**Do you have any hobbies?** I enjoy baking, cooking, crocheting, walking in the woods, traveling, listening to my children read and sing, and listening to Ted Talks.

**If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?** Photo and video editing/archiving

**If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?** Talk with financially educated people to invest appropriately. Fix my home so another family can stay there until they are on their feet. Build a home that will allow my family to come home to visit (have a bed, big back yard, dog area and meeting area aka kitchen and family room.) I would travel with my family....

**When you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you pass the time?** I light candles and plan for family adventures to come; read inspirational messages and/or listen to music.

**What's your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?** Anything involving my children or grandchildren; outdoor: camping and kickball; Indoor: baking and cooking with the children, playing games.

**What chore do you absolutely hate doing?** Throwing away past items that I have a sentimental bond with.

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?** My Mother – she passed away before I had children and I have so many questions about her history and my grandmother, her mother (who was a teacher) Ulysses S Grant- I would like to ask about politics in the world.... He is my Great, Great, Great Uncle.

**What three traits define you?** Compassionate, Honest, Loyal. I am always wanting ‘everyone fine’. I want to ensure that there is always ‘enough’ to go around. (Fair, Integrity, Flexible)

**If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Grilled Chicken breast (or Steak), baked potato, seven layer salad, glorified rice, glass of water and wine.

**What are some things on your bucket list?** Go to a Twins baseball game; Travel to the last 10 states of the USA; go camping with my family to Itasca State Park; vacation with my husband in Norway. Be present at the birth of all of my grandchildren.

**Anything else you would like to add?** I am recharged by watching, and participating with, a child's smile, laugh, song, and dance. I love to continually learn with networking, workshops and conferences. I really enjoy planning large events, (weddings, milestones with family etc.) the food (making it) and embracing the relationships being strengthened.