

My name is Colleen Mahar. I first became a part of the Cobleskill community in 1995 when I joined the Schoharie County Child Development Council - Head Start program. I joined the team as a Center Director in Schoharie and never looked back. Over the course of the last 31 years, I have played many roles with the agency. I now enjoy the responsibilities of the Executive/Head Start Director.

After welcoming our first son, my husband and I moved to Cobleskill from Otsego County. A year later, we welcomed our second son to the family. I very much enjoyed raising my family here in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District. I was an active parent, volunteering for many of their activities through the years.

I feel that my work as a leader in the Schoharie County Child Development program has prepared me to be a valuable member of the Board of Trustees. Not only does the mission and the values of the Schoharie County Child Development Council and the Cobleskill Free Library align, the practical skills and experiences I have gained in my roles would support my position on the Board. I have several years of experience working in partnership with my agency's Board of Directors. I understand the importance of collaboration and communication in that role. Additionally, I have experience in strategic planning, grant writing, and supervision. Through my work with Head Start children and families, I developed a passion for family literacy programming. I have worked to integrate literacy building opportunities across the Head Start and Early Head Start programs to best prepare children and families for success in public school and beyond.

I very much look forward to the opportunity to serve the community and to share my time and energy to support the library team.