



My name is **Andrea Tatar**, I am 31 years old and I grew up in Trnava, Slovakia. In the recent past I lived in Austin, Texas for more than 3 years from where I moved to Limbach, Slovakia. Ever since I was a teenager my passion and love for children was what started my life long career of working with children. My intro to working with children was via babysitting. Subsequently, I studied at the Pedagogy and Cultural Academy in Modra and during this time I worked as a camp activity director at various camps throughout Slovakia.

I joined Benjamin Preschool in 2009 during their Summer School program while at the same time continuing my education at Comenius University.

First, I worked as an assistant teacher at the Benjamin Trnavská location for two years. Later, I moved into being a head teacher for the first grade at Benjamin Družina program at Orešie elementary school in Pezinok and I also acted as a substitute teacher for other classes. After an amazing three years with Benjamin and upon earning a fresh bachelor's degree I moved to USA for 6 months. In USA I fully utilized my experience and skills with children while volunteering at the Czech School of Dallas. I am really glad for having the opportunity to enhance my skills and my English language. I then returned to Slovakia in January 2014 and finished the school year as a head teacher of the Preschool Class at Myslenicka location. Afterwards I moved my activity from Pezinok to Senec, where at the time we opened the newest Benjamin preschool. After two amazing years spent in Senec as the preschool head teacher I moved back to USA to continue my studies at Austin Community College. I maintained my relationship with Benjamin remotely as Benjamin's full time online support administrator for all Benjamin locations. I graduated from Austin Community College in May 2019 earning Associate Degree of Applied Science with a 4.0 GPA.

After moving back to Slovakia I was beyond excited to transition from remotely supporting Benjamin to being back at the preschool in person to teach the Kindergarten Class in Pezinok and to be with all the amazing and bright children. During the two years as a Kindergarten Head Teacher I also completed an additional 2 year postgraduate degree and earned a diploma in early childhood education at the private pedagogical academy in Bratislava. In the school year of 2022/2023 I stepped into a position of a Back Office Manager and a Substitute Teacher for both Benjamin locations.

Currently I am on the maternity leave and fully enjoying this part of my life.

Children never cease to surprise me with their ideas and imagination and I am very grateful to be part of their path to the world of discovery and learning.