

Private Provider Board Seat Candidates



Cara Cerchione

Cara Cerchione is the Director of Michelle's International Learning House. She has been an early childhood educator and advocate for children for many years. She comes from a family of educators and grew up observing the early childhood education environment. She has also been a mentor for the Business Leadership Institute (BLI). She is the mother of four and is passionate about children, their education, and their overall well-being. She believes the time has come to move Early Childhood Education to a place of prominence and gain the attention of the people who shape our state and national policies. She states, "our children are our greatest asset for the future and the time to invest in them is now".



Donna Lewis

Donna Lewis is the preschool director at the Pembroke Road Baptist Church Child Development Center. She has been there as a dynamic leader since 2014 - fearlessly and passionately innovative in her strategies to grow the school in success. Not only is she the director at PRBC, she is part of the church planning committee and is a volunteer tutor. Donna earned her degree from Sullivan College in New York. Earlier in her career, Donna worked with adults and children with disabilities for Sullivan Arc in New York for four years. She has also taught at Sullivan Boces for two years and as a VPK teacher for six years. Truly this is only the beginning as her dedication and passion for child care and development is the driving force behind her success.



Natalie Williams

Natalie Williams is the Principal at Nobel Learning Communities. She served as the Executive Director at Bright Horizons for 4 years in both Lake Worth and New York City and as the Center Director for Tutor time Child Care Learning Center in Plantation, Florida with The Learning Care Group. She received a Master's in Business Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 2012 and a Bachelor degree in Child Development from The Florida State University in 2007. She wants to be a board member to be an active participant of the forward movement of our county related to early childhood , she wants to ensure quality care, teacher development and programs that benefit Broward by bringing her expertise in the field and love of children and families to the board of directors.



Steven Jacoby

Steven is the President/Manager of ELC Broward Holdings LLC. He received a BA from City University of New York Queens College and a law degree from Fordham School of Law. He serves on several Boards including TEACH Florida and Nice Car, Hollywood Florida. He is married and has 5 children.



Tiffany Romero

Tiffany currently runs and operates the ABC's of Learning and Growing, Inc. - North Lauderdale location successfully which has an average of 130 children daily. In August 2017, Tiffany expanded and added a Kindergarten program for the 1st time. Even with all of her work experience in the child care field, Tiffany lacked in some areas when it came to operating her business. In 2016, Tiffany attended and graduated from the Business and Leadership Institute. She learned and gained so much knowledge from the program in helping her to grow as a social entrepreneur that she decided to help others and mentor the following year. She has taken on a role with the BLI in mentoring and assisting with the BLI expansion. She loves life and looks forward to every opportunity it may bring.



Ninnette Sanchez

Ninnette Sanchez is the Owner/Director of Little Giants Academy. She believes that communication is the key for a successful business environment and would like to create a strong bridge of communication between Providers and the Coalition. Ninnette feels that this would ensure better services and education for the children we serve.



Lorraine Breffni

Dr. Lorraine Breffni is the Executive Director of Early Learning and Parenting Institutes at Nova Southeastern University's Mailman Segal Center for Human Development. Lorraine serves on a number of advocacy committees and boards including the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Accreditation Council. She helped establish a Director Institute ensuring that early childhood program directors have a forum to network and advocate around issues of importance to them and the children and families they serve. A recognized and accomplished professional in the field of early childhood, Lorraine is a sought after speaker at both professional conferences and at early childhood centers throughout the country. She presents on a wide range of topics including leadership, mentoring, advocacy, teacher development, parenting, and family issues. Her writings regarding best practices appear in a professional journals and textbooks.