



**ELNORA F LITTLETON, Executive Director
Bolivar County Community Action Agency,**

Elnora F. Littleton is an innovator, educator and community leader at Bolivar County Community Action Agency. She currently holds the position of Executive Director & Head Start Director. She has been in the field of preschool education for more than 50 years. She has worked at BCCAA since 1965 and is very active throughout the entire Bolivar County community. Through hard work and excellent standards, she ensured that each of the 6 Head Start Centers are all licensed and NAEYC accredited sites.

She has been instrumental through constant motivation and encouragement that all of our teaching staff have B.S. Degrees in the field of Early Childhood Education and/or C.D.A. Certified by partnering with our local universities. Now, more than 95 percent of the Teachers, Assistants and Caregivers have B.S. Degrees, AA Degrees and/or CDA's and several in the process of obtaining their Master's Degrees. Through encouragement and opportunities from networking with others, many of our staff have gone on to further their education and careers.

She has been influential in securing Partnerships with all three (3) local school districts in Bolivar County to ensure that children throughout the county receive needed services at no cost to the families or BCHP. Through these Partnerships, BCCAA/HS/EHS has received classroom materials and computers, on site staff for children with special needs to provide services, as well as grant money for the Head Start Centers and staff. Mrs. Littleton organized, established and has overseen some of the largest transition exercises whereby an estimated 200 and as many as 400 students show that they are ready to transition into Kindergarten each year. These transitions are well-organized and are often televised and attended by parents, staff, community and friends from across county, state, country. It has been the most well attended activity in the county with attendance close to 5000 people in the Coliseum.

Mrs. Littleton conducts workshops and trainings throughout the county and state where she has work closely with other organizations such as: Children's Defense Fund, Kellogg Foundation, NSPARK, SPARKS and other Head Start Agencies, as well as state programs such as CSBG, LIHEAP, RAPID RE-HOUSING homeless program; DWDA/Out of School Program, Aging, Meals on Wheels, GED and Family First Programs. Each year, the RAPID RE-HOUSING program, has placed 60+ homeless families, across the mid and northern parts of Mississippi, in housing and helped them to become self-sufficient. She has also helped numerous people, who did not qualify for programs in our agency, receive assistance either out of pocket or through other agencies or community leaders. She has served as an inspiration for countless others in her capacity as Educator, Mentor, Teacher, Pastor and most of all as a Community Leader.

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