

Cheryl Oglesby-Townes appointed as Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council Executive Director



The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council has appointed Cheryl Oglesby-Townes as the agency's executive director.

Located in Dresden, TN, Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council is the local Community Action Agency serving Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion, and Weakley counties. The agency provides services to children and families in the northwest service area through the programs CSBG, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, and the Head Start/Early Head Start Program. The Head Start/Early Head Start Program serves families in Benton, Carroll, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Madison, and Weakley counties.

Cheryl Oglesby-Townes is a 30-year employee of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council, most recently in the role of human resource administrator. She is a former Head Start parent and Early Head Start and Head Start grandparent. She earned a bachelor's degree in Management and Organizational Development from Bethel University. In 2002, she earned became a Certified Community Action Manager through the Southeastern Association of Community Action Association.

Oglesby-Townes' appointment as executive director is historical as she is the second female and the first African American female to serve in the position.

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