

Resting in the Collective

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11am-12pm Pacific / 2-3pm Eastern

Featured Speaker Biography

Dorothy Williams, M.Ed.

Founder and CEO of Dottie's Family Childcare

Dorothy Williams, M.Ed., is a doctoral candidate in Early Childhood Education and Care at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the owner and director of Dottie's Family Childcare, Inc. in Boston, Massachusetts. With more than 17 years of experience serving children and families in the Dorchester community, she actively implements programs that support families experiencing housing instability and at-risk circumstances. Her community work directly benefits children and families, reinforcing her dedication to social justice and community well-being.



Dorothy's research focuses on bridging communication gaps between family childcare providers, case managers, and community-based agencies that support homeless and vulnerable families. Her work aims to foster hope that stronger collaboration and system integration can lead to better access to educational resources, family engagement, and improved outcomes for young children.

She is committed to trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and family-centered practices that honor the strengths and resilience of children and caregivers, emphasizing her dedication To Equity and inclusive support Systems.

Dorothy is also a member of Boston Pre-K, where she supports high-quality early learning initiatives and collaborative efforts to strengthen educational opportunities for young children and families across Boston. She has contributed to initiatives focused on early learning quality, family engagement, provider advocacy, and community partnership development throughout Massachusetts.

Dorothy is passionate about using research to inform policy and practice while elevating the voices of family childcare educators and the families they serve. Through her work, she continues to advocate for collaborative, community-centered solutions that promote equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all children and families.

Jovanna Archuleta

Early Childhood Program Director, LANL Foundation

Jovanna Archuleta is the Early Childhood Program Director at the LANL Foundation, where she leads efforts to strengthen early childhood systems across Northern New Mexico. She partners with Tribal communities to expand access to early childhood services and education. As a young mother, Jovanna relied on community resources to support her family—an experience that fuels her commitment to ensuring all families can thrive. She previously served as one of New Mexico’s Assistant Secretary for Native American Early Childhood Education and Care under the Lujan Grisham administration. Raised in Nambé Pueblo, she now raises her two children with her husband, carrying forward the cultural values of her family and community.



Malkia Singleton Ofori-Agyekum

Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, ParentChild+

Malkia Singleton Ofori-Agyekum is the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director at ParentChild+. Since 2016, she has successfully overseen the program’s launch in Philadelphia, provided support to other sites across Pennsylvania, and worked on expanding into new communities within the state. A Maryland native, Malkia is excited to help bring ParentChild+’s essential school readiness services to Baltimore in 2024. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Services from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from the University of Pennsylvania. With extensive experience as a program designer, leader, and advocate in early childhood education and homeless services, Mrs. Ofori-Agyekum has committed her skills and passion to supporting underserved communities in both Baltimore and Philadelphia.