

## **Tonya Byous**

Tonya Byous, M.Ed., has been in early childhood education for 19 years. She began her career as an infant-toddler teacher and now works as the Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction for The Centers for Families and Children as well as Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Early Childhood at Cuyahoga Community College. Her passion is public speaking and most recently became a Certified Conscious Discipline Instructor. She serves as President of the Ohio AEYC Board of Directors, advocating for Ohio's early childhood professionals.

Tonya attends The Philippi Missionary Baptist Church where her husband, Rev. Kevin Byous Jr., serves as Senior Pastor. At Philippi, Tonya works in the Christian Education Ministry and sings in the choir. Tonya's hobbies are listening to music, watching and reading autobiographies of Motown legends, and spending time with family and friends. She lives by the motto: Charity first, service to others, and use your God given talent.