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Ohio AEYC announces a New Co-Executive Director!



Meet Qianna Tidmore!

Qianna was most recently the Program Administrator for Invest in Children where she worked with her colleagues to mobilize resources and research to ensure the well-being of all young children in Cuyahoga County. In this role, Qianna worked with her team to provide a continuum of targeted services, prenatal to kindergarten, for children and their families; and to achieve equity in access to services and eliminate racial/ethnic disparities in child and family outcomes.

Prior to her work with Invest in Children, she was the Curriculum and Instruction Manager, Action Team Coach and Early Childhood Coordinator for Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Qianna holds an M.Ed. in Curriculum Education with a PreK-3 Ohio teaching license and earned a B.A. in Political Science and Government.

Understanding and committed to the value and importance of diverse, inclusive, and equitable organizations, the Ohio AEYC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Qianna as the first African American in this leadership role as she co-leads the state affiliate of NAEYC, with current Executive Director, Kimberly Tice. The Co-Executive Directors will prioritize voices that historically have been unheard and will develop strategies for diversifying and increasing membership to lift up these voices and fulfill our mission to “empower all who care for, educate and advocate on behalf of young children.”

“Qianna is the right leader at the right time. I am thrilled to share leadership with her as we build on Ohio AEYC’s near 50-year history of promoting high-quality learning for all children. We are excited to work together to strategically develop new and unique opportunities to serve the mission of Ohio AEYC. This innovative leadership approach will strengthen our ability to successfully lead the organization to its next chapter and maintain Ohio AEYC’s position as a leader in early childhood education.” ~ Kimberly Tice, Co-Executive Director of Ohio AEYC