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Ohio Early Childhood Conference

FEATURED PRESENTER

Valora Washington



With over 30 years of experience, Dr. Valora Washington is a recognized authority in early care and education. She has conceptualized, led, facilitated and executed significant change initiatives. Spanning higher education; local, state, and federal government; organizational development; research; and advocacy, her efforts have led to strategic changes for policy, programs, and practice in philanthropy, national organizations and local initiatives. She was chosen in 2019 as a “pioneer in early childhood education”, and in 2018 as a Doyen (the most respected or prominent person in a field).

Valora, CEO of the Council for Professional Recognition, leads the largest credentialing program (CDA) for early educators in the USA. She is certified as an Association Executive and a Credentialing Specialist. Valora co-founded Voices for Michigan’s Children, the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, and the CAYL Institute. Valora holds four honorary degrees and professional recognition from the Barr Fellowship; Leadership Greater Washington; Boston AEYC; NAEYC Black Caucus; Cambridge Resource and Referral; Center for Adoption Research; National Association of Black Social Workers; United Way of Massachusetts Bay; and others. She has held leadership roles with the Massachusetts Governor’s School Readiness Commission; Voices for America’s Children; NAEYC; Black Caucus of the Society for Research in Child Development; National Head Start Association Commission on 2010; Boston Children’s Museum; and Wheelock College.

Valora has authored over 50 publications, including *Children of 2010* and *Children of 2020*. Since coauthoring *Ready or Not* with Stacie Goffin, Valora has coauthored *The New Early Childhood Pro-*

Conference Sessions

Friday, April 24, 2020

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

45 Years of the CDA: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future

5:15 pm - 6:45 pm

Special Reception: Celebrating 45 Years of the CDA Honoring Our Past, Treasuring our Present, and Shaping the Future of Early Childhood Education

