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Cincinnati Preschool Promise Welcomes New Board Members



Carolyn Jones



Raven McKinney

Cincinnati — The Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP) is a vital non-profit that provides access to quality preschools in Cincinnati. It is an investment in education ensuring every Cincinnati child is prepared for kindergarten. The recent election of Carolyn Jones and Raven McKinney to the CPP Board of Managers is a significant step in furthering this mission. Both women bring their talents and deep appreciation for the importance of early childhood experiences in shaping the future of learning, reinforcing the CPP Board's commitment to this cause.

Carolyn Jones 's professional career focused on improving the quality of life for adults and children with persistent mental illness. Notably, she served as the project director for a \$9 million federally funded grant that transformed the system of care for transition-age youth and young adults with serious emotional disturbance and multi-system needs.

With her extensive mental health experience, Jones brings a unique perspective to the Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP) Board of Managers. Her career spans direct services, program management, system planning, and coordination, in addition to educational Board service. This background underscores her commitment to holistic child development, ensuring that every aspect of a child's well-being is considered.

Raven McKinney, Calvary Kids Learning Center’s CEO, is driven and fueled by a deep passion for children’s success. Before owning the preschool, she was an Administrative Assistant and Manager at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

Her ten-year career in early childhood education has given her a breadth of experience with the challenges facing preschool administrators. McKinney’s inspiration comes from the enthusiasm for learning she sees in preschoolers. Her unwavering dedication to supporting parents in their children’s educational journey is a testament to her profound commitment to early childhood education.

“It’s a great time for Carolyn and Raven to join our Board,” says Chara Fisher Jackson, Cincinnati Preschool Promise’s Executive Director & CEO. “The rapid changes in early childhood education demand diversity of thought and experiences. Carolyn and Raven are dedicated to making a difference in the educational journeys of our youngest learners.”

For more information and to learn more about Cincinnati Preschool Promise and what we are doing to support our youngest learners, their families, and Community Providers, go to www.cincy-promise.org.

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About Cincinnati Preschool Promise

Cincinnati Preschool Promise is a non-profit organization, expanding access to quality preschools in Cincinnati. Preschool expansion is made possible thanks to a significant investment from taxpayers who approved a 5-year Cincinnati Public Schools levy in 2016. The levy includes \$33 million a year to strengthen K-12 education and \$15 million a year to expand access to quality preschool.