

**Lanette M. Dumas** is the Executive Director of the National Association for Family Child Care, and the former Director of Early Care and Education at Agenda for Children. An industry opinion leader, Lanette's voice has been continuously heard on early childhood issues. With nearly two decades of fund development, training, and most importantly, in-the-trenches program management experience, her view is radically



different. Seeing a void in the field, she spearheaded the draft and passage of significant family childcare training legislation. She served in an advisory capacity for the Standards for Programs Serving Four Year Old's and for the Study on the Economic Impact of Child Care in Louisiana. She sat on the steering committee for the creation of Quality Start, Louisiana's Child Care Rating and Improvement System, The Greater New Orleans Rebuild Child Care Collaborative and the Licensing Family Child Care Feasibility Study. Lanette's fusion of real-life experiences and her training in best practices makes her views connect with industry leaders, lawmakers and funders.

Lanette's broad career has included developing small businesses, directing training programs, managing work teams and cultivating funding. Considered a master trainer, Lanette has been a Child Development Associate (CDA), has held the National Administrators Credential (NAC), has been a CLASS observer and is trained in Strength-Based Coaching.

Lanette has proven success at growing staff, increasing funding and exceeding funder targets and deliverables, in her work at Agenda for Children, the Child Care Resource & Referral agency for 17 parishes in Southeast Louisiana. Lanette has continually worked with the best and brightest in the field. Collaborating with organizations such as the United Way, the New Orleans Office of Workforce Development, Good Work Network (a nonprofit supporting minority and women owned businesses), Total Community Action, the American Heart Association and the Greater New Orleans Association for the Education of Young Children (GNOAEYC). Other key successes include parent civic engagement training, funded by the Greater New Orleans Foundation and a public awareness campaign on quality standards and recognition in the family childcare setting, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Lanette recently relocated to the Washington, D.C. area from New Orleans, Louisiana. She is a mother of five children who live around the country working in various fields. She will lead the work and is an African-American female.

