



Interview Experts

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Experts are available to answer a broad range of topics including child care regulations, legislative and data issues as well as programmatic questions related to the infant and toddler care, the prevention of obesity in child care settings and diversity in the workplace to name a few. Other experts are available to discuss the purpose, background and importance of CCR&R (child care resource and referrals programs) as well as the state's quality rating system.

Below is a list and biographical information on the staff experts at the Early Care & Learning Council. Given the Early Care & Learning Council's vast network of professionals within their membership and board, they are able to tap into numerous other experts in the field. Journalist should inquire with the media contact to obtain a list of other relevant experts available.

Available experts at the Early Care & Learning Council:

Marsha Basloe: Ms. Basloe started as Executive Director of the Early Care & Learning Council on September 27, 2010. She most recently served as Executive Director of Durham's Partnership for Children, Durham, NC.

Before joining Durham's Partnership for Children, Ms. Basloe served as Senior Vice President for Resource Development for Campaign United Way of Central Carolinas, and as the Executive Director for Beth David Congregation and The Gordon Schools, Miami, FL. Ms. Basloe is the former Director of Young Scholars Liberty Partnership Program at Utica College, Utica, NY and the Director of Education at Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism/Addictions in Whitesboro, NY. Ms. Basloe holds a Master's degree in Education and Educational Administration and holds a New York State permanent teaching certification.

In role at Durham's Partnership for Children, Ms. Basloe coordinated the county *Smart Start Initiative* efforts with the early childhood community to serve the needs of young children birth to five and their families. She provided oversight for the funding allocations and outcome-based evaluations and provides a statewide leadership role in the early childhood system that funds 20 county activities. During her tenure as executive director of Durham's Partnership for Children, she also administered and initiated multiple projects including the Durham County More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program, a new Durham County Early Head Start Program, an Early Childhood Faith Initiative, a Corporate Champions for Young Children Council and a Docs For Tots NC initiative.

Ms. Basloe was on the board of directors of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, secretary for the City of Durham's Workforce Development Board and co-chair of the Children Ready for and Succeeding in School

RBA (Results Based Accountability) Committee for Durham County. In addition, Ms. Basloe worked closely with the NC Child Care Coalition and participated as a mentor for new executive directors to Smart Start. Most recently, Ms. Basloe received the **2010 Women in Business Award** from the Triangle Business Journal. This award was presented to 26 women in six categories to women in leadership positions in the Triangle including Raleigh, Durham and Orange Counties in NC.

Sage Ruckterstahl: Ms. Ruckterstuhl, has been at the Early Care & Learning Council 21 years, and fills the important role as the Deputy Executive Director, serving on the Management Team and providing leadership to those staff providing services under contracts and to the membership. She continues to play an active role in the development of training programs as well. Sage holds a Master's degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Connecticut, with her thesis on the topic of employer supported child care. She is also a trained Home Economist. Sage was instrumental in the development of the Sullivan County Child Care Council when she worked for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

Evelyn Effinger: Ms. Efinger, MEd, is the Infant Toddler Specialist and manages all infancy initiatives at the Early Care & Learning Council. This includes the NYS Infant and Toddler Resource Network comprised of regional Infant Toddler Specialists whose job is to improve the quality of infant and toddler child care throughout New York State and the Birth to Five Policy Alliance Grant in collaboration with WBNY. Beginning as a social worker with Head Start families, she has over 25 years experience in the field of early care and education. Her background includes 3 years with the NYU Head Start Quality Improvement Center where she supported the development and training of Early Head Start programs across New York and 14 years as the director of a Child Care Resource and Referral program. She has provided training and technical assistance at the college and community level. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology and a Master's in Early Childhood Education specializing in infants and toddlers. She is a graduate Fellow with ZERO TO THREE (2007-09).

André LaVallée: Mr. LaVallée is the CCR&R Coordinator and has been in the field of early childhood education for over nineteen years; eleven of those years spent in the Army Child Care system. He has worked directly with children from ages six-weeks to twelve-years and for three years worked as a preschool room lead at the West Point Child Development Center. In 2000, he had the opportunity to be an Assistant Center Director at an Army Child Care Center in Vicenza, Italy. Spending a year and half there, he came back to the states to work as a Training and Curriculum Specialist back at West Point. In 2004, André joined the Early Care & Learning Council as the Management Training Coordinator providing training and technical assistance to Child Care Center Directors across the state and later in 2007, became the Child Care Resource and Referral Project Coordinator. In this role, he provides New York State's CCR&Rs with training and technical assistance.

Fannie Glover: Ms. Glover, Consultant Services Manager, is responsible for developing and delivering programs designed for the customers' educational, managerial and leadership needs. She has developed and facilitated management and leadership training, strategic planning retreats, team building programs, motivational workshops as a keynote speaker, and presented at national, regional, and state meetings and conferences. She holds a B.S. in Organizational Development with over 15 years in the area of Human Resources Management at Tyco Health Care (formerly Mallinckrodt). She is a member of The Albany Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce Diversity Council, a past board member of the Capital Region Human Resource Association (CRHRA) and currently serves as CRHRA Top Five Spectrum Award Chair. She is also a board member of NYS Society Human Resources Management (NYSSHRM), NYSSHRM Diversity Director, NYSSHRM Conference committee member and NYSSHRM Diversity Conference Chair.