

### **Cherish Every Child Early Childhood Leaders**

The Early Childhood Leaders are charged with providing guidance and direction to the Initiative, and linking the project with key community stakeholders. The membership includes:

Tim Allen, Executive Director  
*Efficacy Institute*

Vera Baker, Director of Fine Arts  
*Springfield Public Schools*

Paul Bailey, Executive Director  
*Springfield Partners for Community Action*

Catherine Benoit, Operations Director  
*Partners for a Healthier Community*

Margaret Blood, President  
*Strategies for Children*

Joni Beck Brewer, Vice President, Parent Programs  
*Springfield Day Nursery*

Cynthia Caporaso, Project Manager  
*Springfield Early Care & Education Partnership*

Susan Catron, Supervisor-Early Reading First  
*Springfield Public Schools*

Helen Caulton-Harris, Director  
*Springfield Dept. of Health & Human Services*

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*Urban League of Springfield, Inc.*

Charles Contant, Campaign Manager  
*Step Up Springfield*

Erin Murphy Craft, Regional Director  
*Department of Early Education and Care*

John Davis, Trustee  
*Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation*

Michael Denney, Executive Director  
*New North Citizens Council*

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Russell Denver, Executive Director  
*Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield*

Kent Faerber, President  
*Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts*

Armando Feliciano, Director  
*Adult Education Center*

Paul Foster, Manager  
*Pioneer Valley Planning Commission*

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*North End Outreach Network*

Jeff Harness, Director  
*Western Mass. Center for Healthy Communities*

Ronn Johnson, Dir., Community Relations  
*MassMutual Financial Group*

Joan Kagan, CEO  
*Springfield Day Nursery*

Heather Lavigne, Director of Education Services  
*WGBY, Public Television*

Steve McCafferty, Executive Director  
*Children's Study Home*

Judy Goodwin, Director of Early Childhood  
*Springfield Public Schools*

Bob O'Brien, Chief Financial Office  
*Massachusetts Career Development Institute*

MaryLynn Ostrowski, Health Programs Manager  
*Health New England*

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*Vietnamese Health Project, Mercy Medical Center*

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Carlin Preisick-Trietsch, Director ECS  
*Springfield Jewish Community Center*

Lynne Quintin, Early Education Department Chair  
*Springfield Technical Community College*

Paul Robbins, President  
*Paul Robbins Associates*

Frank Robinson, Executive Director  
*Partners for a Healthier Community*

Donna Salloom, Community Liaison  
*Massachusetts Department of Public Health*

Janis Santos, Executive Director  
*Holyoke-Chicopee-Springfield Head Start, Inc.*

Kathleen Steadman, Executive Director  
*Preschool Enrichment Team*

Kathy Treglia, Vice President of Operations  
*YMCA of Greater Springfield, Inc.*

Francine Vecchiolla, Dean  
*Springfield College, School of Social Work*

Mary Walachy, Executive Director  
*Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation*

William Ward, Executive Director  
*Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc.*

James Ward, Executive Director  
*Early Childhood Center of Greater Springfield, Inc.*

Steve Winn, Ph.D., Vice President  
*Child Guidance Clinic, Behavioral Health Network, Inc.*

### **Project Management Team**

#### **Staff and Advisors responsible for the ongoing management of the Initiative include:**

Sally C. Fuller, Project Director

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