

GEORGIA GOLDBURN

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In her capacity as Director of Hope For New Haven, Ms. Goldburn expanded its Child Development Center from a capacity of 30 to 88 and broadened program offerings to include Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Kindergarten & School-age services. Ms. Goldburn steered the organization through a major fiscal crisis, eliminating an \$80K debt and reversing a \$10K operational deficit, placing the organization on a path of financial stability and long-term sustainability.

As an Educational Consultant, Ms. Goldburn lends her Early Childhood Education (ECE) expertise to numerous ECE programs statewide, with the aim of strengthening their quality and improving their program operations. In 2016, in response to Dr. Walter Gilliam's research on explicit bias, Ms. Goldburn co-founded the CERCLE network with the aim to strengthen early care programs serving child and families of color in underserved communities. CERCLE now serves as one of the states Staffed Family Childcare Network and operates as a shared service model with over 80 childcare programs from the Greater New Haven area and Bridgeport. Through this network, Ms. Goldburn work to increase providers' capacity to deliver high quality programming by ensuring that they have the resources necessary to meet the needs of families through leveraged state, local and philanthropic funding.

Through a partnership with CERCLE and Workforce Alliance, Ms. Goldburn created an ECE teacher apprenticeship program designed to move individuals out of poverty and create a pipeline of highly trained staff for the workforce. This work was modeled after a previously successful employment training program Ms. Goldburn established with the Agency on Aging's Senior Employment program and the City of New Haven's Youth At Work program. Through these programs, Ms. Goldburn strived to build multigenerational, racial, and economically diverse staffing to ensure that ECE classrooms reflected the communities in which they operated.

Ms. Goldburn is a staunch advocate for children and families around early care and education issues and policies. She served on the boards and committees of several ECE organizations – CT Early Childhood Alliance, New Haven Early Childhood Council, and the

CT Child Care Association - advancing legislation and policies geared at improving early childhood outcomes. Working with state legislators, she introduced legislation that required state and local emergency management officials to include childcare facilities in their notification system in the event of an emergency. Ms. Goldburn often lends her voice to issues of racial and economic inequity in the ECE system through numerous OpEds that have been published both locally and nationally. Additionally, she has participated in several national conversations about how to transform the ECE system into a more equitable one. Ms. Goldburn was recognized in 2018 as a CT Early Childhood Alliance Children's Champion and in 2017 with CT Parent Power Dauntless Early Childhood Hero Award.

Before joining Hope, Ms. Goldburn coordinated and managed innovative community and school-based programs for agencies like LEAP, Easter Seals/Goodwill Industries and Center City Churches. In her role as Global Studies Coordinator for Highville Mustard Seed Charter School, she not only designed and implemented their highly praised Model United Nation system and curriculum, but also oversaw Connecticut's first Kids Cafe, a program initiated by America's Second Harvest, designed to distribute meals to needy children. She previously served a Fair Rent Commissioner for the Town of Hamden.