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Educare DC elevates Vice President Jamal Berry to CEO



Washington, D.C.: Today, Educare DC announced that Mr. Jamal Berry, vice president of programs, has been promoted by the Board of Directors and the Parent Policy Council to the position of president and CEO, effective January 1, 2023. Mr. Berry steps into the role with significant experience, including positions of progressive responsibility over nine years at Educare DC, moving from mentor teacher to school director, and to his current position in 2020 with full responsibility for program management and performance.

"I believe that my extensive leadership experience has prepared me for this opportunity, and I'm excited to accept the CEO position as Educare DC begins our second decade. I built a career in education because I wanted to impact children who looked like me. I wanted them to experience a male nurturing teacher who cared and who invested in them. Now, I look forward to bringing that same care and expertise as the next leader of Educare DC," stated Mr. Berry.

During Mr. Berry's time at Educare DC, the organization successfully secured two Head Start grants, grew to serve nearly three times more children across multiple sites, received High Quality designation through DC Capital Quality, and began District-wide trainings of early childhood educators.

Board Chair Rick Calder stated, "Jamal has also extended his leadership beyond Educare to roles such as Chair of the DC Head Start Association, as a UCLA Head Start Management Fellow and a PBS Kids Early Learning Champion. Educare DC is proud to have Jamal lead our community in this new role."

Mr. Berry began his career with Educare DC in 2013 as an infant and toddler mentor teacher. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pedology from Bowie State University. At George Washington University, he earned a master's degree in Early Childhood Education and a Specialist of Education degree in Leadership and Early Childhood Special Education.

Outgoing CEO Pyper Davis will step down after more than eight years at the helm. “I am leaving because it is the right transition time for me and for Educare. Not only have we successfully achieved our strategic goals, but we have built a remarkable team of leaders who are poised for their next step. Jamal and I have worked as constant close partners over the last eight years. He is one of the most talented leaders I have ever had the privilege to work with, and we should all be thrilled that he will bring his experience and expertise to launch Educare DC’s next decade.”

About Educare DC: Opened in July 2012, [Educare DC](#) is part of a 25-school national network that serves as a platform for broader change, inspiring high-quality programs in communities, improving public policies, and demonstrating a comprehensive approach to the first five years of life and learning. Educare DC serves over 400 children from prenatal to age 5 – and their families – across two Educare centers and five partner sites in DC. Educare DC is a Head Start program, combining federal funding, local Pre-K and childcare subsidy funds, and private philanthropic dollars to provide full-day, full-year comprehensive education, health, mental health, nutrition, and family engagement services.

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