

## Elisha Wilson

## **Early Childhood Education Director**

Elisha Wilson has been an Early Childhood Educator for nearly 25 years. With 15 years of teaching spanning from infancy to Pre-K; followed by almost 10 years in Program Administration. Her passion for early childhood was motivated by her grandmother, mother, and aunt who collectively contributed 31 years of service to Bethlehem Center of Charlotte, now Alliance Center for Education (AC4Ed). Elisha's younger siblings are a product of Bethlehem Center of Charlotte. She admired the work of the agency within the Charlotte community and knew one day, she would bring her skills to the table and help advance the mission "to positively affect the future of children at risk by improving economic mobility through education."

With a Master's Degree in Business Administration concentrating in Human Resource Management and a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education administration, Elisha holds Level III North Carolina Administrator credentials. Her tenure at AC4Ed began in January 2019 as a Center Director at the McAlpine location, a place she still refers to as home.

The lasting impression left by the dedicated staff, students, and families at McAlpine remains a prominent highlight of her journey at AC4Ed. In February of 2022, Elisha became the Pre-K Director, enhancing partnerships and managing service contracts with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and SmartStart of Mecklenburg County's state-and county-funded Pre-Kindergarten programs.

Currently, Elisha is the Early Childhood Education Director supervising and directing all Content Area Managers of the Early Childhood department, including Early Head Start, Head Start, and Pre-K. She is also responsible for ensuring the overall compliance with federal and local standards and regulations and delivering high-quality learning and comprehensive services to students and families.

With a passion for her work, Elisha looks forward to contributing to the organization's mission for many years to come.

## **About Alliance Center for Education**

Alliance Center for Education, formerly Bethlehem Center of Charlotte, has been improving economic mobility for thousands of Mecklenburg County children since 1940. AC4Ed's mission is to provide high-quality education and support for children in need through partnership with their families. With Early Childhood centers serving children from birth through age five, and Afterschool programming for kindergarten through 12th grade, AC4Ed serves more than 800 families daily. For more information, visit www.AC4Ed.org.