

Welcome to New Senior Director of Early Learning Services, Amy Nichol

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Nichol has a deep passion for our mission and 20 years of progressive leadership experience in early learning, including more than a decade of leadership in Head Start/Early Head Start spanning all content areas, all modes of delivery including home-based, directly operated center-based, school district center-based, and community partnership center-based services. She has in-depth knowledge of industry standards along with a strong leadership disposition in reflective practices, collaboration, staff engagement, strategic planning and much more.

"What I am most excited about with this position is the opportunity to connect, cultivate, and collaborate with partner sites throughout our service area in an effort to give children and families the highest quality of early childhood education services," says Nichol. "By forging meaningful relationships with these partner sites, we can create a strong network of support that benefits everyone involved. Ultimately, my enthusiasm stems from the belief that through connection, cultivation, and collaboration, we can create a strong foundation for early childhood education services. By working together with partner sites, we can empower children and families, providing them with the tools they need to thrive. It is through these collective efforts that we can make a lasting impact on the lives of young learners, setting them up for success and ensuring a brighter future for our community as a whole."

Prior to joining Easterseals, Nichol spent ten years working for Youth In Need located in St. Louis, MO. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration and took Masters courses in education at Lindenwood University.

Sarah Boburka, Executive Vice-President and CFO, says, "Amy is deeply dedicated to the belief that families are children's most important educators and that positive parenting and strong family engagement is at the core of promoting children's development and school readiness. She has a clear vision for how we can expand the impact of our early learning program, and she has the leadership skills needed to make that vision—to transform the lives of early learners and their families—a reality. I am excited to see what we can achieve for our community under Amy's leadership."