

Bio: Jynai McDonald



Jynai McDonald is a native of Springfield, MA. She graduated from Bay Path University and is the small business owner of a consulting company called the Urban Impact Project MA. Much of her career has been spent in leadership roles. She is the former Family Child Care Coordinator for SEIU Local 509 where she led the department in providing representation, training, and services for approximately 2,400 Family Child Care providers throughout Massachusetts. Jynai continues to play a role in the Early Education and Child Care field as the Officer of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Common Start Coalition which is a statewide partnership of organizations, providers, parents, early educators and advocates working together to make high-quality early education and child care affordable and accessible to all Massachusetts families.

Passionate about making change in her community, she learned how to formally organize by joining the Western MA Chapter of Neighbor to Neighbor (an organization that mobilizes people in their community to confront local, state, and national crises). She is currently the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at Springfield Technical Community College where she has made it her personal mission to make sure that the region has access to high-quality accessible and affordable education from birth through adulthood.