

EARLY CHILDHOOD CABINET WELCOMES NEW PROJECT DIRECTOR!

April 25, 2011, Hartford, CT – The Connecticut Early Childhood Education Cabinet is pleased to announce Sherry Linton-Massiah as the Cabinet’s Project Director. Ms. Linton-Massiah will be responsible for facilitating collaboration between state agencies and organizations concerned with early care and education. She will also coordinate Cabinet workgroups in the priority areas of quality data systems, family involvement/home visitation, and professional development/workforce, as well as coordinating a statewide needs assessment to determine critical areas which will help direct the work of the cabinet. The Early Childhood Education Cabinet received federal ARRA funds to develop and enhance high-quality systems of early childhood education and care designed to improve school preparedness.

Sherry joins the Early Childhood Cabinet from the Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS) in Hartford. CAHS is a state-wide organization that bridges policy and community outreach to promote prosperity for all of Connecticut’s children and families. CAHS partners with CT Parent Power, The CT Early Childhood Alliance, and CT Voices for Children to advance early care and education in Connecticut through the Discovery work of the William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund. During her successful tenure at CAHS, she held the position of Early Care and Policy Analyst.

Ms. Linton-Massiah comes to the Cabinet with 13+ years of experience in the early childhood field. In addition to her work at CAHS, she has held positions as an Early Head Start Director, and a child care services supervisor and representative. Her knowledge of early childhood, coupled with her state experience gives Sherry the breadth and depth to understand the complex early childhood landscape in our state. She holds a Bachelor’s degree from Trinity College and is a Master’s degree candidate in Organizational Communication at Central Connecticut State University.

“It is an exciting time for early care and education in CT and I’m enthusiastic about the opportunity to be a part of a team that seeks to increase the capacity and coordination of early care and education in our state.”

John Rathgeber, Chair of the Cabinet and President and CEO of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, states, “The Cabinet is very pleased that Sherry has decided to join us as Project Director. Her knowledge and experience will help the Cabinet move forward on its priorities, and I very much look forward to working with her.”

For additional information about the Early Childhood Education Cabinet please visit our website, <http://ctearlychildhood.org/>.