

SUSAN PERRY-MANNING

Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director for the Delaware Office of Early Learning in February 2015, Susan Perry-Manning served as the founding Executive Director for the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation, where she led efforts to build state and local public will, policy and investments to create a foundation of opportunity and success for every child by the end of third grade.



Susan has more than two decades of experience in early childhood issues and nonprofit management. Perry-Manning served as the Vice-President and Senior Director for Policy and Programs at The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. (NCPC), where she provided senior leadership to the organization.

During her tenure at NCPC, Ms. Perry-Manning conceptualized and authored a three-year, \$3 million dollar early childhood obesity initiative for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina; was part of core writing team that developed North Carolina's winning \$70 million dollar, four-year federal Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant application; created and secured more than \$2 million in private and federal funds for an intensive leadership initiative.

She previously served as Deputy Executive Director at the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (now Child Care Aware of America), Deputy Director at Child Care Services Association, and Executive Director at the Durham Child Care Council.

In 2014, Susan was elected to a four-year term as Secretary of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Governing Board. She holds an MA in Early Childhood Education from Concordia University – St. Paul and a BA in Women's Studies from Hamilton College.