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CT Early Childhood Alliance Names New Executive Director

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The Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance is pleased to announce Ann Pratt as the new executive director of the organization.

Pratt, of Bridgewater, has served as the executive director for CT Parent Power for the past four years. Under her direction, hundreds of parent leaders have taken action to benefit the state's children and families. These parent leaders have effectively advocated and won increased state funding for early childhood programs; the creation of CT's Sustinet Health legislation; and ensuring increased accountability for school district parental involvement programs.

Pratt has 30 years of community organizing experience working with a highly diverse range of organizations including grassroots community organizations, regional and national faith-based organizations and labor. She is an experienced national trainer, conducting week long community organizing leadership workshops on a local and national level. Pratt holds a B.A. from Oberlin College in Political Science.



Jessica Ciparelli, CT Early Childhood Alliance

Ann Pratt is the new executive director of the CT Early Childhood Alliance.

"I'm thrilled to have Ann Pratt take over the helm of the Alliance," said Alliance co-chair Merrill Gay. "Her strong leadership at CT Parent Power and her experience on the Alliance's steering committee made her a natural choice for the position."

"Ann will make a wonderful executive director," said Alliance co-chair Juleen Flanigan. "We are very happy to have her on board."

"I'm honored to be a part of Connecticut's premier early childhood advocacy organization," said Pratt. "I believe there are enormous opportunities in this state to improve the educational outcomes for all young children. Over the next several years, I look forward to maximizing those opportunities and to work with early care providers, parents, legislators and other key stakeholders to significantly advance and expand fully-funded, high-quality, early childhood programs for all of Connecticut's children."

Pratt replaces Shaun McNally, who departed this summer to serve as a legal governance advisor in Iraq.

Pratt starts as executive director on Nov. 1, 2009.

The Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance is a growing group of organizations and individuals committed to improving developmental outcomes in the areas of learning, health, safety and economic security for children ages birth to eight. Member organizations employ over 3,000 Connecticut residents and provide care and education for nearly 20,000 children.

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