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Dr. Lateshia Woodley, LPC, NCC

Professional Educator, Counselor, Lead Dream Builder

Dr. Lateshia Woodley was an alternative education student now district administrator that specializes in working with at promise students and turnaround school transformation initiatives. Since 2008, Dr. Woodley has worked as a turnaround leader to help bring about positive changes in some of the lowest performing schools in Georgia and now in Missouri.

While serving as the Principal of McClarin Success Academy, Dr. Woodley led the implementation of a community school model to assist students in overcoming barriers that hinder successful completion of high school graduation requirements. During her tenure McClarin's graduation rate increased from 19% in 2012 to 75% in 2017. She is the author of three books titled "Why Did You Choose to Get Pregnant", "Issues of the Heart" and "Transforming Alternative Education," that details her journey as a student then as an administrator. Through her leadership McClarin was recognized as a 2017 National Model School, 2016 NAEA Exemplary Practices School, and 2016 GAAE Spotlight School.

Believing passionately in the impact of supporting the whole child, Dr. Woodley ventured to work for the Kansas City Public School District. She has had the honor of serving as an Assistant Superintendent supporting School Leadership and now serves as the Executive Director of Student Support Services where she is leading the charge of becoming a trauma informed school district.

Dr. Woodley has received numerous awards and accolades which include the 2011 Outstanding Woman in Education Award, 2012 Resolution from the Georgia House of Representatives, 2013 Acknowledgments from the US Department of Education, 2016 National Dropout Prevention Center Crystal Star Award, 2016 GAAE Administrator of the Year Award, 2017 Central Learning Community Principal of the Year, 2017 ASCD Emerging Leader, 2017 IALA Author of the Year for Education, and 2017 Shining Star Educator.

Dr. Woodley serves on the boards of Nelson Atkins Museum Incentive Advisory, the Center for Family and Community Wellness and Empowering Lives, Inc. Her life principle is to be a catalyst that ignites, motivates, encourages individuals and organizations to reach their full potential.

Awards and Accolades:

- ▶ Harvard University Women in Leadership Alumni
- ▶ National Superintendent's Academy Alumni
- ▶ ASCD Emerging Leader
- ▶ Surge Fellow
- ▶ National Dropout Crystal Star Award
- ▶ Outstanding Women in Education Award
- ▶ Shining Star Educator Award