

Gov. Malloy Appoints Northfield resident to State's Early Education Cabinet

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DERBY — Gov. Dannel P. Malloy has appointed David Morgan, vice president of Early Education for TEAM Inc., as a member of Connecticut's Early Childhood Education Cabinet.

The Cabinet, reformed in January 2010, is charged with developing a high-quality, comprehensive system of early childhood education among the wide array of early childhood programs in the state. The Cabinet plays a key role in advancing the integration of services to young children and families.

In his six years at TEAM, a Derby-based nonprofit community action agency, Morgan has supervised the coordination and management of all early childhood education programs, family support services and TEAM's Family Resource Center.

TEAM, which provides three early childhood education programs, Head Start, School Readiness and Child Care, collaborates with community, regional, state and federal agencies to provide services to children and families. Collectively, the three programs provide children with a high quality preschool experience that prepares them for kindergarten and long-term school success. TEAM runs seven early childhood education programs throughout the lower Naugatuck Valley and Milford.

"I look forward to working with members of the Early Childhood Education Cabinet to help strengthen the state's efforts to effectively coordinate a system of early childhood education," Morgan said. "The first five years of life are critical to a child's lifelong development," Morgan said. "Family, school and the community play an integral role in helping set the stage for life-long success."

Early childhood education programs serve children from birth to eighth grade and their families, Morgan said. The work of the Cabinet will be particularly helpful for children and families disadvantaged by economic, environmental or social conditions, he added. Under TEAM, Morgan works directly with families, children, staff, community agencies, partners, grant sources, government bodies and relevant councils.

Morgan served as director of the Children's Center of the Greater Waterbury Health Network in Waterbury, where he also worked as a teacher and program coordinator. Prior to Waterbury, Morgan worked for the University of Connecticut Child Development Laboratories. Morgan has a Master's degree in Education and a Bachelor's in Human Development and Family Relations, and is currently pursuing a Sixth Year in Education Leadership at Southern Connecticut State University.

TEAM Inc. is a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation whose mission is to connect individuals and families with solutions that lead to well-being, self-sufficiency and full participation in the community.

It aims to achieve its mission by conducting activities that address the needs of economically disadvantaged

individuals and families including resource mobilization, education, advocacy and service delivery. TEAM programs serve the communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Shelton, Seymour and Woodbridge.

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