

Meet Our Staff

Erica Hayes, *Director*

"It takes a BIG heart to shape a little mind."

Education: B.S. Regulatory Science

Certifications: Alternative Teacher Certification, Director Credential Certification,

Other Organizations/Achievements: CACFP Management Professional, Member of South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and UAPB Alumni Chapter

After spending nearly 7 years with Wal-Mart's corporate office in Bentonville, AR, I relocated to the Houston area with my husband and children. With no family support in the area, I decided to step away from my corporate work and focus on my children full-time. As my children continued to grow and thrive, I decided to pursue my childhood dream of becoming a teacher. I pursued and completed the Alternative Teacher Certification in 2011 and worked as a substitute in the Alvin ISD.

After my daughter's childcare facility closed down, it sparked my interest in changing careers. In September 2011 I completed my Director's permit and later that year became the Director at Cornerstone Learning Academy & Childcare LLC.

De'Angela "Dede" Henry, *Assistant Director*

"Happy times are never ending when we're playing and pretending!"

In 2013, while enrolled in the Cosmetology Program at San Jacinto College, I began working at CLA part-time in the Infant & Toddlers class. It didn't take long for me to discover that working with children was my calling. After graduating from San Jacinto College, I began working at CLA full-time. I quickly rose through

the ranks from an Infant & Toddler teacher, to Lead Infant teacher, to being promoted in 2016 to Assistant Director. My time at CLA has been an amazing and rewarding learning experience.