



MARTHA HARRISON

About our Executive Director

Martha Harrison brings 35 years of experience in education to Bright Child Learning Center. Her background spans curriculum development, teacher education, and program design, and her passion lies in using her creativity to build and construct nurturing, fun, and developmentally appropriate learning spaces for children.

Martha obtained her BS in Elementary Education and Elementary Music from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and went on to become a Certified Master Trainer through The Registry, Wisconsin's Recognition System for the Childhood Care and Education Profession. A recognized expert in education, Martha has delivered professional development trainings at local and regional conferences, as well as at the national and international level. She has developed numerous early childhood education programs, including the CUNA Corporate PlayCare Center, Land's End Back-Up Child Care Center, and Meriter Children's Center, and led every program to achieve NAEYC and/or City Accreditation.

She currently serves on the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Education Advisory Council and is an active School Board Member for St. James School and Early Childhood Program. Her work with the "Bright Spaces" program is an expression of her philanthropic commitment to children, and she designed play spaces in numerous homeless shelters for children and their parents.

In 2017, Martha joined Bright Child Learning Center to help design the new facility, oversee teacher development, and lead the center to become the preeminent early child care and education program in the Madison area. She firmly believes that every child deserves a creative and loving environment that respects their unique personalities. She also believes that every parent deserves to feel that their childcare center is a true partner who supports them and provides continuity of care between the center and home.