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## Sarintha Stricklin

**Executive Director** 

Jefferson Ready Start Network

While Sarintha Stricklin is no stranger to the field of education, her efforts over the past four years have made a significant step forward in expanding access to early care and education in Jefferson Parish. As the executive director of Jefferson Ready Start Network, she is an advocate for the importance of access to early child care across Louisiana. Her work provides an opportunity for coalition-building between individuals and organizations committed to creating and implementing a bold, local vision for early childhood.

Stricklin and the Jefferson Ready Start Network continue to improve the accessibility and quality of early childhood education for Jefferson Parish. Through her leadership JRSN launched the Future Fund where community members and businesses can donate directly to support early childhood education in Jefferson Parish. She has also advocated to the Jefferson Parish council and secured over \$500,000 in funding to provide seats for economically disadvantaged children.

Stricklin also serves as vice chair on the board of directors for the Metropolitan Human Services District. She has served on the board of directors for Families Helping Families Southeast Louisiana, on the board of directors for Families Helping Families of Louisiana, on the Research Committee for the International Division for Early Childhood Council for Exceptional Children, as a member of the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development for Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council and as the National Membership Chair on the board of directors for the International Division for the Early Childhood Council for Exceptional Children.

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