

VOICE for children

2026 VOICE for Children Award Recipient

Nicole Fetherman, M.Ed.

Executive Director, LifeSpan School & Daycare

Nicole Fetherman is a strong advocate for children and families in her community and at the state level. She has more than 30 years of experience in non-profit leadership and early care and education. Nicole serves on several statewide professional early childhood education (ECE) committees, such as Start Strong PA and Pre-K for PA's Provider Advisory Board, Southeast PA Early Childhood Coalition (SEPECC) and Bucks County Pre K Counts coalition. Nicole was the former President of the Lehigh and Northampton Chapter of PennAEYC and was their conference's chairperson. As a recognized early childhood expert and advocate, Nicole is a co-author of Pennsylvania's School-Age Professional Credential (SAPC) administered by the Pennsylvania Key. She has also served on the Pennsylvania School Age Child Care Alliance (PENN SACCA) Board of Directors.

Nicole has served as Executive Director for LifeSpan School & Daycare since 2011. Prior to joining LifeSpan School & Daycare, Nicole worked in New Jersey public schools as a High School Vo-Tech Teacher for Early Childhood Program and Teacher Academy, a collaborative partnership with New Jersey colleges that provided college credits for High School students in the program. She also served as an adjunct professor for multiple colleges and universities, such as Northampton Community College and as a consultant for Keystone STARS where she





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provided technical assistance to programs, created resources and beta tested software tracking systems for the program. Nicole is an accomplished speaker and presenter and has had the opportunity to speak at the state and national level, presenting at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) conferences, statewide events such as the PennSACCA Conference, Lehigh and Northampton Chapter of PennAEYC Conference and several Early Childhood Education Summit conferences.

Nicole holds a master's degree in education from Cedar Crest College. She holds several teaching certifications in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania Director Credential, a certificate in play therapy and a certified instructor in the Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (PQAS) to provide professional development to early childhood and school-age professionals in Pennsylvania.

