



Dianne Haulcy, Senior Vice President for Family Engagement, joined Think Small in 2015. She oversees the administration of early learning scholarship dollars for the state of MN, Hennepin County and Northside Achievement Zone, Basic Sliding Fee for Ramsey County as well as outreach for providers and parents. Dianne has over 25 years of experience in the non-profit sector. In her history she has directed five early childhood programs all serving inner-city, low-income, ethnically diverse populations. She has overseen many human services programming in the areas of behavioral health; in-home parenting; youth outreach and out-of-school-time services; shelter and services to homeless families and individuals; and many other family and community programs.

Most recently she serves as Senior Policy Aide for Mayor Betsy Hodges working on issues of early childhood, education and youth. Part of her work includes spearheading the mayor's Cradle to K Cabinet, focused on children prenatal to three years old to ensure they are ready for early childhood education opportunities. Dianne previously was the Chief Operating Officer of The Family Partnership. The Family Partnership merged with Reuben Lindh Family Services in 2011 where Dianne served as the Executive Director for four years. Dianne has a BA in Sociology from Spelman College and an MA in Public Affairs from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota.

Dianne has worked extensively in the community. She currently serves on the board of directors for Northpoint Health and Wellness Center and previously served on the boards of Center for Communication and Development / KMOJ –FM Radio, Model Cities of St. Paul, African American Academy for Accelerated Learning and the Minnesota Council on Nonprofits.

Known for her leadership in the early childhood field, Dianne serves as the Chair to the Voices and Choices for Children Coalition – a coalition of professionals of color and American Indian's advocating on behalf of children and families of color in Minnesota, vice chair of the Governor's Early Learning Council, and sits on the Parent Aware Advisory Committee, Early Childhood Systems Reform Work Group and is the co-chair of the Northside Achievement Zone Early Childhood Action Team.