



Bethlehem Center
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Ms. Shantel Mitchell
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Ms. Shantel Mitchell is a native of Sumter, South Carolina, but came to Charlotte in the mid -1990's to attend college. Shantel describes herself as an educator to her core who is on a mission to make a difference in the lives of the young children and families with whom she interacts. She very nearly missed her calling, however, as she originally went to college to become a Certified Public Accountant. Were it not for an occasion where Shantel had an opportunity to work with small children while in college, she might very well be completing tax returns rather than educating and shaping our youth. Needless to say, we are all very pleased that she chose her current path.

Shantel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, as well as a Master's of Business Administration from University of Phoenix-Charlotte. Ms. Mitchell often reads and performs research related to her field as a means of staying current on topics of importance. In addition, she continues to pursue ongoing professional development opportunities and has qualified for numerous credentials and licensures along the way. Following her graduation from college, she returned to the classroom where she worked for about four years as a 4th and 5th grade teacher at two separate local charter schools before transitioning into the role of BED (Behaviorally-Emotionally Disabled) Assistant within Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. In April 2004, Ms. Mitchell came on board at the Bethlehem Center, starting as a Head Start Teacher and progressing to her current role of Assistant Head Start Director, a position which she assumed in July 2007.

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