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CAA welcomes new Board Members Josh Arnold and Bernadette Watson



Josh Arnold has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tennessee in Sociology with a Criminal Justice emphasis and a Master's Degree in Community Counseling from Xavier University. Josh is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Ohio and in his 20 years with Talbert House has worked with adults and youth with severe and persistent mental illness, substance abuse and criminal justice issues. As Vice President Josh has overseen Talbert House's Youth and Adolescent Services, Courts and Corrections Service Line and currently leads the agency's Addictions Service line as Vice President. He is a graduate of Executive Curriculum for Emerging Leaders ('07) and Leadership Cincinnati (Class 37). In addition to his new role with the Community Action Agency,

Josh serves on the Board of Directors of OneSource a local nonprofit as well as Secretary for Ohio Community Corrections Association.



Bernadette Watson, a native Cincinnati has been a leader in the administration field for over 40 years. Her experience includes serving as the president of the Cincinnati Avondale Community Council, Community Liaison for former Vice Mayor Minette Cooper and working as Community and Legislative Liaison for Mayor Charlie Luken. Bernadette served 2 ½ years as the Public Information Officer for the Cincinnati Health Department's Office of Community Advocacy before retiring from the City of Cincinnati. Bernadette has also worked with Homeland Security (Emergency Preparedness) with the Southwest Ohio PIO Group and with local state and federal legislators during budget cycles and grant allocations. She has 15 years of experience in the mental health field, providing her services at Central Psychiatric Clinic and University Hospital 8th floor Inpatient Psychiatry Administration. Bernadette was the Southwest Ohio Regional Political Director for the 2012 Presidential Campaign, Organizing for America. She has also worked with organizations such as Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Job Corps and Child Poverty Collaborative Community Engagement.

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