

Monthly Newsletter

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BCDI-Nashville is on the Move!

As we move forward in this season of growth and renewed purpose, I am filled with gratitude for the collective energy that continues to propel BCDI-Nashville. Our work remains grounded in a simple but powerful truth: when we invest intentionally in Black children and families, we strengthen the entire community. This year marks an exciting chapter for our village. We are deepening our advocacy efforts, expanding our reach across Tennessee, and preparing to launch our BCDI-Nashville CAMP STEAM Summer Experience — a camp designed to ignite curiosity, affirm identity, and open pathways to opportunity for our young scholars. This initiative reflects our commitment to culturally grounded, joyful learning environments where children can explore, create, and thrive.

We are proud of the momentum we are building, but we know the work ahead requires all of us. I invite you to stay engaged, stay informed, and continue standing with us as we push for policies, programs, and partnerships that uplift our community. Your dedication fuels our mission and ensures that Black children in Nashville — and soon, Memphis — have access to the resources, representation, and opportunities they deserve. Together, we are building a future where every child is seen, supported, and celebrated.

In partnership,

Alesia

President, BCDI-Nashville

Join Us for our Next Meeting!

May 2nd at 10:00 AM

Beech Creek Missionary Baptist Church
3101 Curtis Street, Nashville, TN 37218

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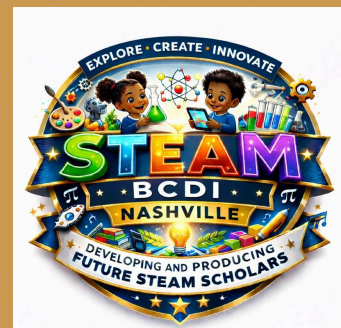
Day Without Child Care

Opportunities for
Advocacy

Men of BCDI Nashville

Committee Opportunities

BCDI-Nashville
Summer Camp





A Day Without Child Care Friday, May 15, 2026 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

We invite you to join us on Capitol Hill, 600 Martin L King Blvd, Nashville, TN 37243, to support the ones who care for our children. Help us bring awareness and highlight the critical role that childcare plays in supporting our children, families, and local economy. Together, we can ensure that family and group childcare programs remain strong, supported, and accessible.

Contact Lenise Parker @
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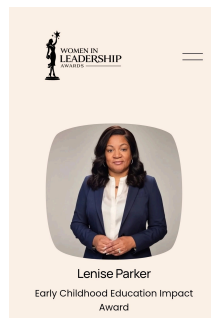
The Men of BCDI-Nashville

Inviting men to participate in the first Men of BCDI-Nashville gathering on June 27, 2026. This event will take place at Beech Creek Missionary Baptist Church at 9:00am. If interested in being a part of this committee, please contact -John Garnett @ 615-473-6080 or jdgar@msn.com for more information or to RSVP.



BCDI-Nashville Camp STEAM

BCDI-Nashville will host our first STEAM summer camp for children ages 4-8. The free 2-week camp will be held from Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 26, 2026. The camp will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math with a literacy component. We will cover robotics, 3D printing and more. We will be accepting 30 campers and enrollment will be on a first come basis. Enrollment will open on our website soon. For more information, please visit: bcdinashville.org



Lenise Parker Early Childhood Education Impact-Woman of the Year!

Join me in congratulating Lenise Parker! Lenise has been named Woman of the Year by Women in Leadership. Lenise is the State Representative for the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) and a member of BCDI-Nashville. Lenise co-hosted the Childcare Day on the Hill with Senator Charlene Oliver

Advocacy Spotlight

Tennessee Bills to Watch

- [HB2485/SB/2385](#) aims to correct the undercounting and underfunding of students from low-income backgrounds. This bill would all more funding for public education.
- [HB2532/SB2247](#) seeks to double the vouchers available for the Education Freedom Scholarships (EFS). Last year, EFS directed over 155 million away from public schools and if this bill passes the impact to public schools will be even greater.

Click on the bill numbers for more information.

To take action, Click on the link below:
[Take Action Now](#)

Sticks in a Bundle cannot be broken! --African Proverb

We Need YOU!

Members, we need your talent, passion, and expertise on one of our committees to help us carry out our mission.

- **Childcare Providers**
- **Early Childhood Education**
- **Fundraising**
- **Policy**
- **Social Media/Branding**

Please send an email to: info@bcdinashville.org with your contact info and committee preference.

in February. Way to Go,
Lenise!

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