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Gov. Patrick Names ABCD Head Start VP Sharon Scott-Chandler to Chair State Early Education Board

ABCD is pleased to announce that **Sharon Scott-Chandler, Esq.**, ABCD Vice President for Head Start and Children's Services, has been named the new chairperson of Massachusetts' Early Education and Care Board.

"We're very proud of Sharon; it's a great honor," said ABCD President/CEO Bob Coard.

Scott-Chandler has been a part of the ABCD family for a number of years, and has headed Head Start for just over four years. From 1999 to 2003, she headed the ABCD Child Care Choices of Boston (CCCB) program, providing leadership to a program that serves more than 11,000 families and 1,400 state-licensed providers. Prior to that, she served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She also served as Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Policy in the Office of the Attorney General, and as a legislative aide to U.S. Congressman Sidney R. Yates.

Scott-Chandler received her law degree from Northeastern University Law School and her bachelor's degree in political science from Tufts University. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Project Hope, Northeastern School of Law Alumni Association, and the Massachusetts Black Lawyers' Association, among others.

About ABCD:

ABCD serves more than 100,000 low-income Boston-area residents through its central offices and a decentralized network of Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs). Programs and affiliations include Fuel Assistance; Child Care Services; Head Start; Child Care Choices of Boston; Education; Career Development; Housing and Homelessness Services; Health Services; Family Planning; Urban College of Boston; University High – an Alternative High School; Ostiguy High School for high school students in recovery; Weatherization; Foster Grandparents; Elder Services; Intergenerational Programs; a Multi-cultural Independent Living Center serving people with disabilities; management of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, City of Boston, and Keane Inc. employee giving campaigns; advocacy and consumer services.