

Tanya Coles is a dedicated servant leader with more than 20 years of experience in education, home visiting, mental health, and early childhood development. Her work reflects a deep commitment to equity, grounded in her passion for early childhood education, infant and early childhood mental health, African American history, and the well-being of children and families. She is committed to ensuring that historically underserved and underrepresented communities have a meaningful voice in the decisions that affect their lives.

Tanya currently serves as Division Manager for Children and Family Services and Head Start Director at a local agency in Virginia. She also serves as President of the Board of the Virginia Association of Infant Mental Health and Program Planning Chair for the Black Child Development Institute–Hampton Roads.

Across her professional and community leadership roles, Tanya remains committed to encouraging, empowering, and emboldening others to realize their full potential