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Clayton Early Learning welcomes new leader

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Clayton Early Learning has named Rebecca “Becky” Crowe as the organization’s next president and chief executive officer, following a national search. Crowe will assume her new role on June 10.

Crowe has an extensive leadership background in education, including roles in management, strategic development, philanthropy, research, policy, and community engagement. Most recently, she served as a Fellow on the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative’s education team, including responsibility for grantmaking, strategy, and research focused on child development.

Prior to that, Crowe was a partner with Bellwether Education Partners where she launched the talent advising practice to increase clients’ organizational effectiveness while building a culture committed to diversity and inclusion.

She provided targeted strategic counsel to numerous school districts and education nonprofit organizations, as well as corporate clients such as Microsoft and Google. Crowe also served as the executive director of Partners in School Innovation with a mission of transforming the quality of early literacy teaching and learning in San Francisco area schools.

“I’m honored to be selected as the next CEO of Clayton Early Learning,” Crowe said. “Clayton’s track record of directly impacting the learning and development of children while influencing systemic change through research, evaluation, professional development, and advocacy is truly inspiring. This unique combination has and will continue to transform early childhood education in Colorado

and beyond, and I am thrilled to work with the community, our partner organizations, and our dedicated staff and Board to extend this important work.”



Becky Crowe

The leadership transition has been in process since Charlotte M. Brantley, Clayton’s president and CEO for the past 13 years, announced plans to step away several months ago. Brantley remains in place through June 30 to ensure a seamless transition.

“As Clayton continues to provide access to quality early education and care for thousands of young children, I am gratified to know that the future of this important mission will be in such capable hands,” Brantley said.

“Becky Crowe is an exceptionally talented leader, with a demonstrated passion for education,” she said. “It is an exciting time for Clayton Early Learning, and I have tremendous confidence that her leadership will sustain and enhance our work in every possible way.”

Crowe earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Stanford University, a master’s degree in education from the Stanford School of Education, and a master’s degree in management from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Clayton Early Learning impacts the school readiness of more than 20,000 children in Colorado each year through a wide range of services to children and families, research and evaluation, results-driven teacher training, and focused advocacy.

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