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Cary A. Booker is the Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Early Childhood Education at the New Jersey Department of Education. The division includes the Office of Preschool Education and the Office of K-3 Education. The Division also houses the federal Head Start program and the Governor's Council for Young Children. In this position, Mr. Booker oversees the priorities of Governor Murphy and Acting Commissioner Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D., in supervising the birth through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade education initiatives that include the expansion of New Jersey's nationally recognized high quality preschool program.

Working collaboratively within the NJDOE and other state agencies, the Division of Early Childhood Education manages the social, emotional, physical, and academic development of New Jersey's youngest learners. The division also provides leadership, resources, and professional development to support high quality educational curricula.

Before joining the NJDOE, Mr. Booker served as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Governor, and during his career has served in other senior-level positions at various institutions. He served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and director of The Academic Foundations Center/Educational Opportunity Fund Program at Rutgers University, Newark, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, TN, and Vice President of Omni Schools, also in Memphis.

Mr. Booker completed his doctoral coursework in social psychology at The University of Texas at Austin, and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College in Massachusetts.