

# L. Carol Scott

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## Biography

L. Carol Scott has been Chief Executive Officer of Child Care Aware<sup>®</sup> of Missouri, the state's Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) state network, since January 2008. She was elected President of the Child Care Aware<sup>®</sup> of America board of directors, by her peer leaders of other state CCR&R networks, in April 2014. As a widely-known and well-respected leader in her field, she is shaping the national dialogs in both the early care and education industry, and in the system infrastructure that provides support and resources to that industry, the backbone of which is child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies. Her organization's model for shared services in the early care and education sector won the 2015 Youthbridge/Skandalaris Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition in St. Louis.

Dr. Scott has 40 years of professional experience in early care and education, including more than 10 years in teacher education and management of model early learning programs. Following this early career experience, she was Executive Director for the Child Care Association of Johnson County, a local non-profit child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agency, and directed a Head Start/Public School Early Childhood Transition demonstration project in the early 90s. She was Director of the Metropolitan Council on Early Learning (MCEL) in Kansas City from late 1995 through mid-1999.

In 1985 she established a consulting firm through which she has provided technical assistance on early learning systems development to county and state agencies in New York, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Idaho, Georgia, and Iowa. Other clients have included the Families and Work Institute, United Way of America, Hallmark, Inc., the Finance Project, and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Throughout her career, Dr. Scott has also given of her time in service, including more than 100 publications and presentations at local, state, regional and national conferences, and more than 30 volunteer positions. Currently, she also serves on the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood and the Missouri Children's Services Commission. She holds an MA in Early Childhood Education and a Ph.D. in Developmental and Child Psychology, both from the University of Kansas.

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