

## **Laurie E. Acree**

### **Vice President, Rainbow Station**

#### **Short bio**

Laurie has been an advocate for quality school age programs for over twenty years. She joined Rainbow Station as an Assistant Teacher in 1992 after graduating from Brigham Young University with a BS in psychology. Since then, Laurie has been promoted numerous times and currently serves as Vice President of Village Operations—Rainbow Station and Vice President of Prism, Inc., the franchising corporation of Rainbow Station, where she oversees operations of all Village programs nationwide. Laurie is partnering with the Virginia Department of Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-school programs and Initiatives where she serves as a grant editor and committee member for grant awards.

#### **Long bio**

Laurie has been an advocate for quality school age program since 1985. She graduated from Brigham Young University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Human Development. After graduating, Laurie joined Rainbow Station as an Assistant Teacher. In 1993, she became responsible for the after-school program, which had 30 students at that time. In 1998, Laurie was promoted to Director of The Village, where she grew the program to more than 200 children. Laurie was promoted again in 2000 to Senior Director and in 2003 to Vice President, Village Operations.

In 2003, Laurie also became Vice President of Prism, Inc., Rainbow Station's franchise company, where she oversees operations of all Village programs nationwide. Her responsibilities include training new franchisees in daily operations and accountability, outfitting new franchises, curriculum implementation and accreditation and ensuring all franchisees adhere to the Rainbow Station mission and values.

Laurie is a partner with the Virginia Department of Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Center After-School Programs and Initiatives, where she serves as a grant editor and committee member of grant awards. She also serves on the Partnerships for the Future, a Richmond-based program to help rising young adults plan and implement goals for their future.

#### **Laurie Acree: At a Glance**

Vice President, Village Operations; Vice President, Prism, Inc.

#### Professional Affiliations:

*Member, 1993 - present*

- National AfterSchool Association
- Virginia School-age Child Care Association
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Virginia Association of Early Childhood Education
- Richmond Early Childhood Association
- National Institute of Out of School Time
- National Association of Child Care Professionals

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

*Presenter:*

- Virginia School Age Child Care Association
  - 1997 Summer Camp Mini-courses
  - 1998 Summer Camp
  - 2000 Quality After School Care
- Virginia Association of Early Childhood Education
  - 1997 Summer Camp Mini-courses
  - 1998 Summer Camp Mini-courses
- National Association for Sick Child Daycare
  - 2005 “Working Smarter not Harder: Best Practices and Pitfalls”