

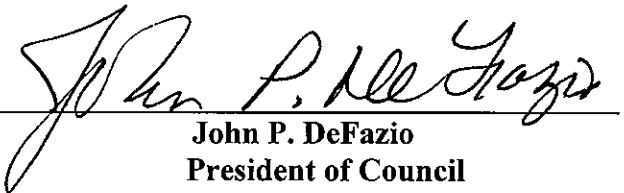
**APPOINTMENT**

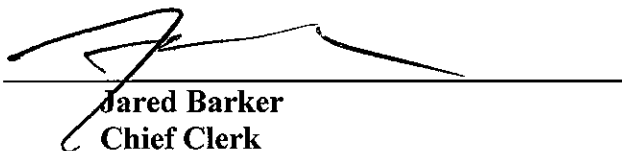
Approving the appointment of Rebecca Mercatoris to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

**SPONSORED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD**

In Council Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

  
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**John P. DeFazio**  
President of Council

Attest:   
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**Jared Barker**  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 18, 2014

Honorable President and Members of Council  
Allegheny County Council  
119 Courthouse  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Members of Council:

Please find the attached resume of Rebecca Mercatoris, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

The Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee are responsible for reviewing and making recommendations pertaining to the county children and youth social service program and the operation of the county agency. I am recommending that Ms. Mercatoris serve term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Ms. Mercatoris is currently the Early Learning Network Director for Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children. She holds a Bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster and a Master's degree from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) at the University of Pittsburgh.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Ms. Mercatoris will make herself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with her.

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald  
Allegheny County Executive

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COUNCIL

CC: Rebecca Mercatoris

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# REBECCA C. MERCATORIS

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## EDUCATION

- ◆ Master of Public Policy and Management, The Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA), The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts, The College Of Wooster, Wooster, OH.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Early Learning Network Director, Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC), Pittsburgh, PA May 2013-present**

- ◆ Responsible for the direction, planning and programming of the Early Learning Hub in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood.
- ◆ Responsible for fully engaging home-based and center-based child care providers in the planning and programming of the Early Learning Hub.
- ◆ Responsible for creating and maintaining deep partnerships with other organizations working in the Homewood neighborhood.
- ◆ Responsible for engaging families, young children and community members in Early Learning Hub planning and programming.
- ◆ Facilitator of both the Non-profit ECE Alliance and the Homewood Child Care Alliance.

### **Director of Quality Initiatives, PAEYC, Pittsburgh, PA August 2010-May 2013**

- ◆ Responsible for marketing and maintaining [www.sharedsourcepa.org](http://www.sharedsourcepa.org) for PAEYC's 10 county region.
- ◆ Created, awarded and monitored the United Way Keystone STARS Enhancement Grants.
- ◆ Represented PAEYC on various environmental and health initiatives

### **Keystone STARS Manager, Southwest Regional Key, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA October 2006-July 2009.**

- ◆ Responsible for hiring, direct supervision of Keystone STARS Specialists and the Early Learning Quality Specialist, performance evaluations and staff relations.
- ◆ Responsible for ensuring compliance with the PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) contract requirements for the Keystone STARS Program in the Southwest Region.
- ◆ Coordinate grant and STAR level movement reporting from the Keystone STARS Specialists and Early Learning Quality Specialist to OCDEL on a monthly basis.
- ◆ Responsible for the Keystone STARS designation of Head Start facilities in the Southwest Region.
- ◆ Coordinate services of partner organizations associated with the Keystone STARS Program (Pre-K Counts, STARS TA & ERS).

### **Early Learning Quality Specialist, Southwest Regional Key, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. July 2005-October 2006.**

- ◆ Coordinated the Keystone STARS designation process, conducted onsite STAR designation visits for child care facilities and awarded new STAR levels based on compliance with appropriate Performance Standards.
- ◆ Evaluated grant applications, tracked grant expenditures, and performed onsite monitoring of completed grants.
- ◆ Provided technical assistance to child care providers applying for Keystone STARS program grants.

### **Child Care Resource Specialist, Child Care Resource Developers. YWCA Greater Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA. February 2003- June 2005.**

- ◆ Monitored and provided technical assistance to Community Planning for Early Care and Education committees in both rural and urban counties in Western Pennsylvania.
- ◆ Evaluated grant applications, tracked grant expenditures, and performed onsite monitoring of completed grants.
- ◆ Enrolled participants in the Keystone STARS program and facilitated work groups sessions throughout Western Pennsylvania to foster the participation and success of new and current enrollees.

### **TANF Eligibility Specialist, Child Care Information Services of Allegheny County. YWCA Greater Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA. November 2001-January 2003.**

- ◆ Ensured clients' smooth transitions from the County Assistance Office's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to the Child Care Information Services (CCIS) / Child Care Partnership (CCP) program.
- ◆ Gained a detailed working knowledge of Pennsylvania's child care subsidy regulations.
- ◆ Managed a caseload of approximately 100 to 150 families in need of child care subsidies.

### **Assistant Director, Tender Care Learning Centers. Pittsburgh, PA. June 2000-November 2001.**

- ◆ Responsible for hiring, direct supervision of staff, performance evaluations and staff relations.
- ◆ Managed billing and collections for the center's accounts receivable.
- ◆ Responsible for maintaining and controlling the center's budget throughout the fiscal year.
- ◆ Served as Acting Director during the Director's extended absence.



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November 6, 2014

Ms. Rebecca Mercatoris  
1124 Winterton Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Ms. Mercatoris:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on November 5, 2014 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Congratulations on your appointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Rea".

Jan Rea, Appointment Review Committee Chair  
Allegheny County Council

cc: Marc Cherna, Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services  
Dr. Walter Smith, Jr., Deputy Director, Office of Children, Youth and Families

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