Shan Goff is the Executive Director of the Office of Early Learning. She is a passionate advocate for students, parents and teachers. Having spent the beginning of her career as an early elementary education and special education teacher, Shan knew that she wanted to make a difference in the lives of children. She moved into state government to make a larger impact for students, parents and teachers, working for Florida’s Department of Education as the state director for special education and then deputy chancellor for K-12 programs. She is now on her second term as the executive director for the Office of Early Learning, having previously served for two years in the position. She was appointed to her current term by Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran.

In addition to Shan’s experience in state government, she has a rich background in both research and policy-making, having worked for the Florida Center for Reading Research at Florida State University and most recently as the Florida policy director for the Foundation for Excellence in Education.

Of all the areas in which Shan has experience, early care and education has always been her passion. Continuing to build on the work to create a high-quality, outcomes-driven early care and education system is paramount for the future success of Florida’s children in kindergarten and for the rest of their lives. Investing in training and additional resources for early care and education teachers is a critical piece of this foundation.

Shan Goff is committed to improving the quality of early childhood programs in Florida, increasing transparency and accountability for outcomes-driven initiatives and increasing access to training and career pathways for early care and education teachers.