Carol Joyner, Director, Labor Project for Working Families in partnership with Family Values @ Work

Carol Joyner is the Director for the Labor Project for Working Families (LPWF), in partnership with FV@W. The LPWF focuses on building worker power centered on caregiving and economic justice. She also provides organizational and strategic leadership for Family Values@Work, the national network of 27 state coalitions. Prior to the LPWF and FV@W, Carol provided consultation on work and family trust fund and related labor administration issues. She is also the founding Director of the 1199SEIU/Employer Child Care Fund and past President of the Child Care Corporation, a labor/management benefit fund negotiated by the 1199 Health and Human Service Employees Union and 400 Health Care Employers in New York State.

Ms. Joyner is the recipient of various achievement awards including the Alliance of Work Life Professionals’ Innovative Program Award; the LPWF Annual Award, and; the NBCDI, NY Bridge Builders’ Award, among others. She is a founding member of the NY Union Child Care Coalition; is past National Advisory Board member of the Labor Project for Working Families and the Family Values@Work Network; founding partner of the Work Family Strategy Council, and; Carol is a member of the NCBCP, Black Women’s Roundtable. Carol lives in Washington, DC.

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