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Network Vision Statement
I have been a member of NAGC over 12 years and would be honored to be the Early Childhood Network’s chair-elect. I was an early childhood afterschool director and elementary classroom teacher in an urban district before receiving my Ph.D. in Giftedness, Creativity, and Talent Development in 2014 from the University of Connecticut. My work as Research Associate on the Javits-funded grants Project SPARK and Project LIFT has focused on identifying and developing potential in primary grade students, particularly those from diverse backgrounds. These experiences have increased my awareness of and commitment to the unique needs of early childhood. My goal is to collaborate with network members and other leaders to pursue the Early Childhood Network’s mission of responding to the needs of early childhood learners and those who support them.