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Amber Skaggs Hired as Education Branch Manager

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 14, 2019) - Kentucky Department of Corrections Division of Education Director Ravonne Sims today announced that Amber Skaggs has been hired as branch manager.

“Amber Skaggs has knowledge and experience in working collaboratively with agencies in the field of education, and monitoring performance compliance,” said Sims. “Her background in trauma informed care will be valuable for our population and their learning environment.”

Skaggs began state employment in October 2014 with the Department of Revenue working in collections. In 2015, she left the Department of Revenue and joined the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) where she served as a program consultant II for four years. As a program consultant, she oversaw the continuous improvement and program implementation for the Title I, Parts A and D grants. Skaggs provided training to sub-grantees around implementation of the grants and monitored for federal grant compliance. She built relationships and maintained communication with multiple programs within KDE, as well as with the National Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Neglected and Delinquent Children and Youth. She collected, analyzed and submitted data for Title I, Part D federal reporting.

A certified Youth Mental Health First Aid instructor and an instructor for Trauma Informed Care for Educators, Skaggs is a member of the KDE Trauma and Resiliency Team. She managed a large format elementary classroom for three years and provided intervention in reading and math for over a year in the public school system. She collaborated with grade level and school teams to set goals for the school and students, as well as assisted in academic corrective measures for struggling students.

Skaggs is a graduate of Midway University where she received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education with an emphasis in social behavioral studies.

Editor’s note: photo attached