

## “Family Engagement Strategies With Learn to Earn Dayton”

**A Crucible of Practice Salon**  
**March 12, 2023 / 12:30 – 2 pm EST**

### CONVERSATION LEADS



Wesley O. Biles, II  
Manager of K-12 Initiatives  
Learn to Earn Dayton, OH

Wesley Biles serves as the Program Manager for Cradle to Career Initiatives for Learn to Earn Dayton. Wesley is responsible for supporting the Summer & Afterschool Collaborative, “Mighty” Classrooms (attendance improvement program),

Early Grade Literacy Collaborative, I Educate Montgomery County, and the Diversity Recruitment: Educators Association for Miami Valley (D.R.E.A.M). Wesley brings deep educational experience; before joining the team he served as a classroom teacher in both high and middle schools, transition coordinator, restorative justice coordinator, and librarian for Dayton Public Schools. He also brings private industry experience, having previously worked with Evenflo Baby Company, Enterprise, and Metlife Insurance Company. Wesley received his B.S. in marketing from Wilberforce University in 1998.



Maya Dorsey  
Director of K-12 Strategies  
Learn to Earn Dayton, OH

Maya Dorsey serves as Director of K-12 Strategies for Learn to Earn Dayton. Maya leads strategic program partnerships with Montgomery County school districts, as well as sets the vision for the Early Grade Literacy Collaborative,

the Summer and Afterschool Collaborative, and program partnerships that drive toward positive student outcomes. Maya holds teacher and principal licensure, and prior to coming to Learn to Earn in 2018, Maya was an elementary school dean, assistant middle school principal, reading specialist, and classroom teacher. Maya earned a bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership with a minor in women’s studies, and later a reading endorsement from Wright State University. She holds master’s degrees from Grand Canyon University in elementary education and from Antioch Midwest University in educational leadership, as well as a 2020 certification from eCornell in Diversity and Inclusion. In 2022, Maya earned Champion for Diversity and Inclusion recognition from Dayton Business Journal.



Jane McGee Rafal  
Del Mar Encore Fellow  
The Dayton Foundation

Jane McGee-Rafal has been involved in public education for over 50 years. She began her career in rural Ohio in 1968 and since has served in five school districts in Ohio and Arizona. She was the first female superintendent of the Warren City

Schools in Trumbull County, Ohio. In Arizona, Jane was a Regional Assistant Superintendent and later the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Mesa Unified School District. For 27 years, Jane worked for Dayton Public Schools in a variety of positions. Later she served as Vice President for Special Projects and Senior Recruiter for Haskel Thopson and Associates. Her current position is a Del Mar Encore Fellow for The Dayton Foundation working with Learn to Earn Dayton.



Erika Pimentel  
Family & Community  
Engagement Coordinator  
Learn to Earn Dayton

Erika Pimentel serves as the Family & Community Engagement Coordinator for Learn to Earn Dayton. Erika supports Learn to Earn's K-12 initiatives and assists in coordinating events for the Summer and Afterschool Collaborative. Erika

assisted in supporting the NWDP by engaging key stakeholders and community residents. Prior to joining the Learn to Earn team in March of 2020, Erika served as the receptionist for the Montgomery County ESC, she has also engaged the community as an outreach specialist for Preschool Promise. Erika is passionate about serving the Dayton community by assisting families in accessing resources and leading innovative family engagement work. Erika serves on several community advisory boards providing feedback and input as a DPS parent and community resident.