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Edythe Hatter-Williams, GLETA President

Current Focus

Edythe (Edee) Hatter-Williams is the Chief Executive Officer of Capital Area Michigan Works! one of 16 Michigan Works! agencies throughout the state. Capital Area Michigan Works! administers federally and state funded dollars to assist employers in the recruitment, training, and assessment of employees and to provide workforce development and talent investment services for the general public in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties through programs, classes and its American Job Centers in Lansing, Charlotte, and St. Johns, Michigan. Capital Area Michigan Works! is recognized locally, statewide, and nationally as a model workforce development and talent investment agency.

Capital Area Michigan Works! is focused on talent development in the tri-county region and filling the talent needs of its employers. While much of the talent discussion centers around post-secondary talent, Hatter-Williams believes K-12 education must be included in the conversation. Hatter-Williams writes a weekly column for the Lansing State Journal discussing topics surrounding talent for both businesses and jobseekers and also is a monthly guest on the Michigan Business Radio Network and a contributor to the Greater Lansing Business Monthly.

Professional Background

Hatter-Williams began her career operating employment and training programs for at-risk youth in the Flint Community Schools in Flint, Michigan. She worked in numerous positions, including secretary, records officer and project facilitator, retiring from the district in August 1996. She joined Capital Area Michigan Works! in October 1997 as a planning specialist. In June 2000, she was promoted to Chief Operating Officer. Hatter-Williams provided oversight for all workforce programs and was instrumental in obtaining several U.S. Department of Labor grants including a \$1.08 million YouthBuild grant and a \$4.4 million H1-B Capital Area Tech Knowledge E-Pathways IT grant. In July 2012, she was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer, and in November 2013 she became Chief Executive Officer. She is the first African American and female to lead the organization.

Personal Background

Hatter-Williams has an associate's degree in executive secretarial studies from Baker College of Flint, a bachelor's degree in office administration from Eastern Michigan University, and a master's degree in central office administration from Eastern Michigan University.