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### **Rochelle Cooper Morton Hired By YMCA**

Avondale resident Rochelle Cooper Morton was recently hired by the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati as director of the CincyAfterSchool Network. In her new position, she oversees one of the area's largest after school networks with 58 sites.

Ms. Cooper Morton has devoted her professional career to helping others. She was a teacher for 20 years, having taught elementary students with disabilities for Cincinnati Public Schools and high school students for the Oak Hills School District. Most recently, she was a community investment program officer for the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

She has a bachelors degree in Business Education from the University of Cincinnati, and attended graduate school in guidance and counseling at the University of Dayton. Ms. Cooper Morton enjoys being active in the community and sits on numerous local boards of organizations that serve children and families.

"Leading the CincyAfterSchool Network is such an important job. We offer a valuable service to families by providing an enriching and safe environment for children while their parents are at work," said Ms. Cooper Morton.

The YMCA is the largest provider of child care programs in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area, with 60 locations. Child Care staff members are dedicated people with specialized experience and training. Formed in 2004, the CincyAfterSchool Network is administered by the YMCA and serves more than 5,000 low income children (free of charge) through Cincinnati Public Schools. The YMCA Child Development Centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Only 7% of centers nationwide receive that recognition. All of these Centers participate in Ohio's Early Learning Initiative, in partnership with Cincinnati Public Schools, which provides a higher level of program performance and accountability.

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