

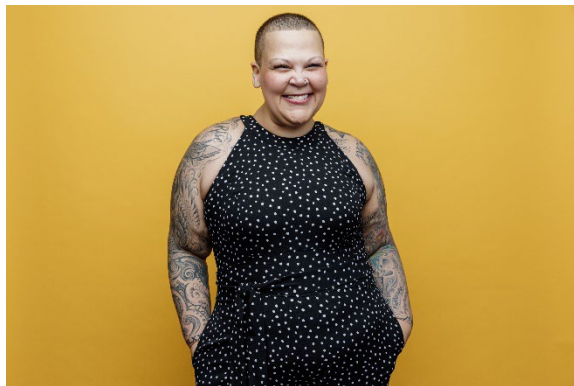


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## Washington State Charter School Commission Announces Deputy Director

*We're thrilled to welcome Dr. Sarah Lloyd as our new Deputy Director!*



**Olympia, WA** – We're thrilled to welcome Dr. Sarah Lloyd as our new Deputy Director! Sarah is passionate about building meaningful connections and supporting leaders to activate and amplify their greatness. With nearly three decades of experience across education, social work, workforce development, youth services, and nonprofit leadership, she brings a fresh perspective and a wealth of knowledge to our team.

Sarah has a unique ability to turn big ideas into action, particularly in equity and inclusion, strategic planning, and organizational transformation. She's committed to driving lasting change and helping teams thrive.

Outside of work, Sarah leads Soul on Fire Consulting, serves on the board for TOGETHER!, the Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties, and South Sound YMCA, and—most importantly—is a devoted mom to her three little birds. She's a proud WSU graduate (Go Cougs!) and also holds a Master's in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies from the University of Northern Colorado, and a Ph.D. in Social Justice Leadership from Saint Martin's University.

Sarah describes her leadership as bold, transformative, and deeply strategic—and we couldn't be more excited for her to join us.

The Washington State Charter School Commission is an independent state agency and the [main authorizer](#) of charter public schools. It was formed with the mission of creating a rigorous and comprehensive proposal process for qualified non-profits who wish to open a charter public school. The agency also monitors and provides oversight holding schools and charter public school boards accountable to high standards of quality. The Commission was formed following the passage of Initiative 1240 by state voters in 2012, which created the charter public school system in our state. In Washington, all charter public schools are tuition-free, non-sectarian, open to all students, publicly-

funded, staffed by certified teachers, and held accountable to the same state and national standards as traditional public schools.

To learn more about the Commission, its responsibilities and charter public schools in Washington, please visit our website: <https://charterschool.wa.gov>

**About Washington State’s Charter School Commission**

Washington State’s Charter School Commission was formed with the mission of creating a rigorous and comprehensive proposal process and to hold charters accountable to high standards of quality. The Commission is an independent state agency that exists to authorize and oversee high quality public charter schools throughout Washington with an emphasis on schools designed to expand opportunities for at-risk students, providing leadership and oversight that is consistent with national principles and standards of charter school authorizers and the provisions of Washington’s charter school law.

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