

## **Bernice D. Martin**

Currently, Bernice is the Director of Development and Advocacy Services at Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (ACLD, Inc.). ACLD provides referral, advocacy, diagnostic, educational and vocational services for children and adolescents. Bernice is responsible for creating the organization's public awareness and advocacy campaigns and services. A primary function of her office is to establishing external partnerships and collaborations with like mission organizations to build a network of services for individuals with learning disabilities. She also coordinates the nonprofit's and school's development activities at the local, state and national level.

Bernice has more than 16 years of experience in education and non-profit management in the city of Pittsburgh and Detroit. Her experience and passion for working with and empowering underserved communities through educational and vocational programming has made her a leader in her field. She regularly guest lectures with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work in their MSW program on the topics of development and strategic planning.

In her spare time, Bernice is a supporter and board member of PACE (Programs to Aid Citizen Enterprise) and Brothers and Sisters Emerging (BASE). She is also a Board Chairman of the Imagine Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship, where her son, who is dyslexic, is a successful 5th grader.

Bernice earned her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Secondary Education/Social Science from Gannon University, and holds certifications from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz School, and The Diversity Leadership Academy. She was one of Pittsburgh Magazine and Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Program's 40 Under 40 Movers and Shakers 2002 and the 2012 Pittsburgh New Courier Fab 40 under 40.