



Judy Williams

Executive Director
Early Learning Ventures

Judy Williams serves as the Executive Director of Early Learning Ventures (ELV), a non-profit organization founded by the David and Laura Merage Foundation. ELV was created to develop and grow a national shared services model with the goal of strengthening and improving the country's struggling and underfunded early care and education industry, and to give families greater access to high quality care for their young children.

As Executive Director, Judy manages the operations, business development, and national expansion of the ELV organization and shared services model with ~25 employees and ~\$7mm annual operating budget. Additionally, Judy oversees the ELV and Early Head Start Child Care Partnership, a federal grant program, which is implemented within the ELV shared services model supporting all eligible childcare centers and in-home providers. Utilizing an innovative technology platform and infrastructure, ELV delivers shared services, resources, and support that allow child care programs to focus on and increase their efficiency and effectiveness in their daily business operations, allowing programs to focus on their core business at delivering higher quality childcare services.

Judy graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado, and then joined the United States Army as Commissioned Officer with specialties and assignments in Pediatrics, Neonatal Intensive Care, Surgery and Hospital Administration. While serving in the US Army, Judy received several commendations while assigned to the USS Mercy Naval Hospital Ship, for her work on the United Nations Humanitarian Relief operations supporting children and families throughout the Philippines, Fiji Islands and Asia-Pacific region. Prior to joining ELV, Judy owned and operated a successful private business and chain of drop in childcare centers, providing services for over 10,000 Denver-Metro Area families. Judy actively supports numerous community organizations and industry activities, and holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Webster University.