



Samantha Aigner-Treworgy

Commissioner of Early Education and Care

Samantha Aigner-Treworgy was sworn in as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care in August 2019.

Commissioner Aigner-Treworgy began her career in early education and care in the classroom, serving as a preschool teacher in Western Massachusetts and the Chicagoland area. After some time as a teacher coach and social-emotional consultant to child care agencies, she began focusing on the development of early education policies that benefited children and families. Ms. Aigner-Treworgy helped to advance federal and state-level initiatives at the Ounce of Prevention Fund, including the *Illinois Infant & Toddler Early Learning Guidelines*, and ExceleRate, the Illinois Quality Rating and Improvement System. Later Ms. Aigner-Treworgy worked with the City of Chicago and Chicago Public Schools to develop and innovative early childhood strategy focused on quality, access, and with the Ounce of Prevention Fund to help launch a national policy initiative that focused on supporting school districts to effectively implement early learning strategies in collaboration with local communities.

Most recently, Ms. Aigner-Treworgy was the Chief of Early Learning for the City of Chicago where she was the key architect of the City's early childhood strategic plan, which focused on reducing barriers for families and identifying administrative efficiencies across agencies. In this role she oversaw approximately \$350 million in early childhood funding across multiple City agencies, including coordination of birth-to-five services in schools, community-based organizations, libraries, and health and human service programs. While working for the City of Chicago Ms. Aigner-Treworgy also reconfigured the early childhood financing structures, oversaw the City's design for providing universal full-day pre-kindergarten to all four-year-olds, and launched the pilot of a universal nurse/home-visiting program with the City's Department of Public Health.

Commissioner Aigner-Treworgy was born and raised in Massachusetts, and graduated from Smith College in Northampton with a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development and Sociology. Commissioner Aigner-Treworgy received a Master of Public Policy and a Master of Social Work from the University of Chicago, where her studies concentrated on education and families.