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Shannon Christian serves as the Director of the Office of Child Care (OCC) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She is a former Associate Commissioner of the Child Care Bureau (CCB) (the precursor to OCC) within ACF, where she advanced President George W. Bush's Good Start, Grow Smart early childhood initiative and shaped CCB's research agenda to better support state policy and spending decisions.

Committed to effective prevention strategies, Ms. Christian oversaw the launch of Illinois' home visiting program and was an active board member of Be Strong Families, a Chicago-based national nonprofit entity. Earlier in her career, Ms. Christian was part of former Wisconsin Governor (and former HHS Secretary) Tommy Thompson's welfare reform team, serving as the head of the planning section in the Office of Policy and Budget of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services and as a Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Workforce Development.

Ms. Christian has an M.P.P. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, a certificate in nonprofit management from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University, and an undergraduate degree in economics and international relations from California State University, Chico.