



Meet Lauren Cook
CEO of Ellis Early Learning

Lauren Cook joined Ellis in 2018 as Chief Executive Officer. In her role, she leads a team of nearly 100 professionals who provide high-quality early education and care, and family support services to over 300 children across Boston. Her dedication to service from a young age led to a career in the non-profit sector, with specific attention on the economic mobility and well-being of women and children. Prior to Ellis, Lauren was the Senior Executive Director of Programs and Partnerships at Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), with responsibility for program development, strategic partnerships, and evaluation across BGCB's 11 clubs.

Lauren is a graduate of Hamilton College with a major in Women's Studies and a minor in Spanish and of the University of Pennsylvania, with a Master's Degree in Applied Positive Psychology. She is also a graduate of Boston University's School of Management's Institute for Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program. Lauren credits her service in the Peace Corps in Guatemala as one of the most valuable and enriching components of her education and work experience.

In addition to her work at Ellis, Lauren is the mom of two young daughters, the proud wife of Brockton High School math teacher, and she sits on the Board of Friends of the Kelley Outdoor Rink in Jamaica Plain and on the Advisory Board of the North Bennett Street School in the North End.