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Brooklyn Children's Museum Announces Michael G. Williams as new Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer



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(Brooklyn, NY)—<u>Brooklyn Children's Museum</u>, the world's first children's museum and New York City's largest cultural institution designed especially for families, announces the hiring of Michael G. Williams as BCM's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

A proud native New Yorker who has dedicated his career to improving the lives of children and families through operational excellence and community-centered initiatives, **Michael G. Williams** brings to the Museum a deep-rooted passion for creating safe, supportive, and engaging environments for children and over a decade of experience working in educational and nonprofit settings.

Most recently, Williams served as the Managing Director of Operations and Growth at KIPP NYC, where he oversaw operational systems for 19 schools, impacting over 9,000 students and their families across diverse neighborhoods. In this role, he focused on enhancing school safety, improving attendance, and streamlining day-to-day operations, all while ensuring that each school was a welcoming and inclusive space. Williams led efforts to foster equity in education,

championing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) initiatives and advocating for every child to have an equal opportunity to succeed.

Prior to KIPP, Williams worked in leadership roles at 1199SEIU's Child Care Funds, where he created youth development programs that focused on college access, healthcare exploration, and academic enrichment for children of union members. His dedication to family engagement and child development also extended to his work at Tai Life Media, where he developed strategic initiatives focused on social impact and community awareness.

Willams holds advanced degrees in Urban Policy Analysis from The New School and in Educational Leadership from The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems.

"I am thrilled to welcome Michael to Brooklyn Children's Museum. He has dedicated his career and expertise in institutional management to ensuring equity of opportunity for all children and communities, which is what drives so much of our work here at the Museum," says **Atiba T. Edwards, Brooklyn Children's Museum President and Chief Executive Officer**.

"I am honored to join the leadership team at Brooklyn Children's Museum and look forward to working alongside BCM's President and CEO Atiba Edwards and our dedicated Board of Trustees to ensure this historic institution continues to thrive through its second century of life. As a child of New York myself, I am thrilled to now be serving our newest young New Yorkers in this great borough and city," says **Michael G. Williams.**

About Brooklyn Children's Museum

Inspired by the energy and diversity of our borough, Brooklyn Children's Museum creates experiences that ignite curiosity, celebrate identity and cultivate joyful learning. Founded in 1899 as the world's first children's museum, Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is New York City's largest cultural institution designed especially for families. Proudly based in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, BCM serves 300,000 children and caregivers annually with exhibits and programs grounded in visual arts, music and performance, natural science, and world cultures. For more information, visit: www.brooklynkids.org.

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