

## **Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers (CACC) announces Cristy Morrell as its new Executive Director**

A lifelong educator with a desire to foster in children a love of learning, Cristy Morrell has held a variety of educational and entrepreneurial positions. She established Imagination Library in Talbot County in 2013. Prior to that, Morrell taught elementary school as well as English as a Second Language to Spanish-speaking students for over fifteen years in Florida and in Talbot County.

“Critchlow Adkins has professional, dedicated teachers that partner with the parents to ensure their children have the best school experience possible,” says Morrell. “We are able to offer such a rich and nurturing environment thanks to this partnership, our outstanding curriculum, and because our students and their families represent a true cross-section of our community. We come together with one purpose, to ensure our children are prepared for kindergarten and on the path to a successful academic future.”

“We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Cristy’s experience and caliber at the helm of this vitally important community service program,” says Dr. Margaret Rennels, outgoing CACC Board President. “Most of us know Cristy from her work establishing the remarkably successful Imagination Library of Talbot County. Through that endeavor, she has demonstrated a talent for reaching out to the community, business partners, and granting agencies. Most importantly, we appreciate her obvious passion for early childhood literacy and education.”

Morrell earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Arizona, and a Post-Baccalaureate from Northern Arizona University in Elementary Education. Cristy is a member of the Talbot Optimist Club, the Talbot County Judy Center, Talbot Early Childhood Advisory Council, and a volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She and her husband, Jamie, live in Easton along with their two children.

“I want to build Critchlow Adkin’s awareness in the community. Our children will be tomorrow’s leaders,” says Morrell. “People often tell me we are the best kept secret in Talbot County,” she says. “We offer such a solid educational experience for our kids that I want CACC to be the first call people make when seeking a place for their children to begin their education.”

Critchlow Adkins Children’s Centers has five sites throughout Talbot County for children ages two, three, and four in year-round Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten programs as well as children in Kindergarten through sixth grade in before- and after- school program. For more information, please visit [cacckids.org](http://cacckids.org) or call 410.822.8061.