

Katie Kitchin
Director, Office to End Homelessness
City of Norfolk

Ms. Kitchin is the Director of the City of Norfolk's Office to End Homelessness. Her appointment in March, 2005 marked the official opening of the City's executive level office, the first of its kind in Hampton Roads. Ms. Kitchin is tasked with developing and implementing the City's 10-Year Plan to end homelessness, as well as coordinating and overseeing various initiatives in the City to prevent or reduce homelessness. Two years after implementing the City's 10-Year Plan, homelessness in the City decreased by 25%, permanent supportive housing for the homeless increased by 65%, and Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim received the 2007 Mayor's Award from the US Interagency Council on Homelessness for his outstanding leadership on the issue.

Prior to taking on this position, Ms. Kitchin served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Norfolk Department of Human Services where she led a variety of projects related to workforce development programs for families leaving welfare and organizational improvements in the 500+ person City Department.

A Norfolk native, Ms. Kitchin returned to the area from Washington, DC where she served as a Professional Staff member of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee, with responsibility for oversight and legislation related to the nation's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and child welfare programs. Ms. Kitchin has also served as an Analyst at the U.S. General Accounting Office, and as Legislative Director for Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge.

Prior to moving to Washington, DC in 1996, Ms. Kitchin lived in Los Angeles, California where she worked for the accounting firm of Ernst and Young and was a speech writer and policy staff for Mayor Richard Riordan. Ms. Kitchin holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor's degree in American Government from the University of Virginia.