

Nichole Leatherbury-Brandon
Deputy Director, City of Columbus
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A Columbus native, Nichole Leatherbury-Brandon is Deputy Director for the City of Columbus, Department of Development. As the Deputy Director, she is responsible for managing Department operations which include Human Resource activities, Public Relations, Legislation and Contract activities as well as the Department's overall budget. She is also responsible for overseeing the Housing Division and functions of the Land Redevelopment Office which include neighborhood revitalization and community development.

Prior to the Deputy Director appointment, Nichole worked for the Department of Development as the Human Resources Officer. In this capacity, she was a member of the Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA). She also worked for the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police as the Human Resources Manager.

Nichole holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from The Ohio State University, with a minor in African-American studies. She contributes a significant amount of her time giving back to her community through various volunteer activities including serving as a mentor for the Young Women's Ministry and supporting the National Diabetes Foundation, Life Care Alliance and Nationwide Children's Hospital Cure Kids Cancer Foundation.

Her academic focus, public and community service convey her passion and commitment to the betterment of society as a whole and her desire to give back to the community.