

Deborah A. Jackson has been a Director for Total Sunshine Inc. since 2003. She is a native Washingtonian and attended DC Public Schools. She attended the University of the District of Columbia (formerly DC Teachers College), where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Spanish in 1979. Her impressive career as an educator in public and charter schools in Washington, DC spans from 1979-2012. She educated mostly high school students, including at Dix Street Academy, Cardozo Senior High, Phelps Senior High, Spingarn Senior High, and Options Public Charter High School.

Ms. Jackson coordinated a variety of extra-curricular activities and schoolwide assemblies (Black History Month and Holiday Programs, etc.) for students throughout her tenure as an educator; also served as a Director for the Nia Project in DCPS from 1998-1999. In 2014, she joined the staff at The HOUSE DC (a community-based non-profit), where she developed community service projects for students through 2017. Ms. Jackson is a recipient of the DCPS Impact Community Hero Award in 2000.

She's a mother of 5, yet still found time to become a published author in 2006 and 2018 (The Broom Closet Collection I and Book of the Greatest Bible Story Poems, Vol.1). Ms. Jackson is also a playwright for the Annual First Rock Baptist Church Black History Play, which features local youth, church members, and community members. She remains active in her church as a Sunday School Teacher and has done so since she was a teenager in 1968.

Additionally, she is an Associate Administrator of the Anacostia Gracious Arts After-School Program (AGAP) since 2015-present. She oversees administrative functions and implements varied esteem-building programs for youth aged 2-17 years. Her background in education and steadfast determination to assist youth makes her an invaluable asset to the Board of Directors of Total Sunshine Inc.