**Amanda R. Nipper**

Amanda R. Nipper currently serves as the Director of Culture, Talent, and Performance for Arkansas Children’s, Inc. Since 2018, she has led a team of Organizational Development and Learning Professionals that oversee Employee Engagement, Leadership and Professional Development, and Talent Management from New Hire Orientation to Succession Planning.

Prior to joining the team at Arkansas Children’s, she worked in various capacities for the Delta Regional Authority, and independent federal agency, from 2010 to 2017. Her most loved role included four years as Director of the Delta Leadership Institute, thinking strategically with three partner universities and Delta Regional Authority leadership to execute a comprehensive training and certification experience for 50 leaders representing the eight states that make up the Delta region. Amanda’s passion for public service and training was first inspired through her experience as a full-time Corps Member and Senior Corps Member with City Year Little Rock—an AmeriCorps Program, whose mission is to build democracy through citizen service, civic leadership, and social entrepreneurship.

An Arkansas native, Amanda grew up in Little Rock and was a 1999 graduate of Little Rock Central High School. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in Communication from the University of Arkansas and recently completed her master’s degree in Public Service from the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service.

Amanda also currently serves her community as Chair of the Governor’s Advisory Commission on National Service and Volunteerism and is a Past President of the Junior League of Little Rock. She and her husband, Stephan “Brother” Nipper, live in Little Rock and are active members of Second Presbyterian Church.