

Valda Haywood

Valda Lemons Haywood BS, MSW is a retired Senior Public Service Administrator for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Valda has over 31 years of experience as a Child Protection Investigator, Child Welfare Worker, Contract Monitor, Court Liaison, Supervisor and Administrator.

Valda worked in the field of social work determined to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children, while planning for their permanency. This was done by engaging parents to successfully complete service plan objectives. Ms. Haywood shares a compassion for people, education, extensive experience and an unyielding standard of professionalism.

Valda is the fourth child born to Mack and Mary Lemons, and the mother of two ambitious daughters, Andrea'netta Mechelle and Monikah Aleasha Haywood. Valda is a member of New Life Community Church, East St. Louis, Madison County Child Advocacy Board, Southern Region Transformation Team, Child Endangerment Risk Assessment Protocol Committee, and Child Death Review Team.

“I became member of the CAC during my tenure with the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services. The CAC is responsible for ensuring our children have a safe place to express themselves without fear of repercussions. The vital work done at the CAC, the relationship with IDCFS, Court, Law Enforcement and others gives me the desire to remain with the CAC to help promote the vision.” –Valda Haywood

