

BIOGRAPHY FOR JAMES W. ROBINSON Jr.

Mr. Robinson has worked in Child Welfare for over 35 years. During this time he has worked for The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS) for 30 years. During those 30 years he has worked in the training division as a lead trainer for 9 years, he worked as a child abuse investigator for 9 years and was a supervisor for investigations for 8 years. He was an Intact Supervisor at the DCFS Harvey site for 1 year. Mr. Robinson has also worked in the private sector as a worker, consultant and foster care director at two child welfare agencies and as the director of training at a child welfare agency. Mr. Robinson has also worked at The African American Family Commission (AAFC) as the Assistant Director. The AAFC serves in an advisory capacity to the IDCFS.

In addition to his Child Welfare background Mr. Robinson has also worked as a Public Housing Manager for The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC). While employed at HACC Mr. Robinson managed 225 units of family housing and a 75 apartment senior building. Currently, he is serving as an Area Administrator for The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services at the Emerald Site and is a former board member with the DBW Scholarship Commission.

Mr. Robinson is also a former board member of the Calumet Council Boy Scouts of America. He has also served as a District Commissioner, District Membership Chair, a Unit Commissioner, a former Scoutmaster for Troop 944 and 135, Cub Scoutmaster, assistant Cubmaster. He currently serves as an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 120.

Mr. Robinson has a Masters in Social Work and a Masters in Public Administration from Governor State University. Mr. Robinson also, has a B.A. in Sociology from Southern Illinois University. Mr. Robinson is a member of Trinity United Church of Christ and is a member of the Food Share ministry, where he currently serves as the ministry's Chaplain. He is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. He is married to Robin V. Robinson, who is also a social worker and they are the proud parents of 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Mr. Robinson's hobbies are camping, golf, photography and bowling.

Mr. Robinson has received the following honors:

- IDCFS African American Advisory Council Outstanding Achievement Award
- Outstanding Field Supervisor Governor State University
- Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow Service Award
- Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Honoree
- Boy Scouts of America District Award of Merit
- Harbon Publishing and The Gillette Company, Pinnacle Award Honoree
- American Society For Public Administration, Outstanding Student Award
- The Amoco Foundation Excellence in Public Administration Fellowship