

GWEN ROBINSON

For more than two decades, Gwen L. Robinson-Benning has served as President/CEO for the Community Action Agency -- Cincinnati | Hamilton County (CAA). Since arriving in Cincinnati in 1995, she has successfully evolved the agency into becoming a major human services and economic development provider that serves nearly 35,000 individuals and families annually throughout the entire county.

CAA has become a financially sound institution under Ms. Robinson's leadership, and is recognized across Ohio for excellence in serving children and families.

Through several large capital development campaigns, the agency built two new multi-million-dollar facilities to more fully integrate its various services and provide better access to the public. The facilities are a corporate headquarters and joint services complex located in Bond Hill, which also houses a public library branch and a health clinic; and the Theodore M. Berry Children & Family Learning Center in the West End. These are just two examples that demonstrate Ms. Robinson's core convictions of investing in communities and empowering people to improve their lives.

In addition to her work at CAA, Ms. Robinson serves on many area boards. She is co-founder of Every Child Succeeds, and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority. Also, she is a member of the advisory boards for Success by Six, the Fifth Third Bank CRA, the Cincinnati Chief of Police Advisory Board and the Strive Partnership Executive Committee, to name a few.

Previously, Ms. Robinson served as President of the State Community Action Association and was the first African-American President of the Cincinnati Club. She serves faithfully on the Corinthian Baptist Church Board of Trustees and is President of Corinthian's Executive Planning Committee.

Ms. Robinson attended Northern Illinois and Phoenix universities. Her core belief is that all people deserve the best life possible, and she has dedicated herself to helping others achieve that goal.