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College of Public Service  
School of Social Work

**Seventh Annual Mississippi  
Child Welfare Institute Conference**  
*February 12-13, 2009*

# CHILD POVERTY:

FACING THE CHALLENGES,  
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

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## OPENING PLENARY SESSION SPEAKER



**Mrs. Diann Dawson** serves as the Director of the Regional Operations at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She provides leadership for ACF's regional offices responsible for federal oversight and implementation of more than 60 human service programs to promote the well-being of children and families. As part of her present role, Mrs. Dawson provides regional support for the Healthy Marriage Initiative goals across the country.

Mrs. Dawson is the recipient of numerous awards including the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service, which recognizes outstanding achievements by members of the Senior Executive Service. She is the 2008 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work.

Mrs. Dawson received her J.D. degree from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. She holds an M.S.W. degree with a concentration in community organization and social planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a B.A. degree from Bennett College. She is married and has one son.

## PLENARY SPEAKER



**Judge William Skinner** is the Hinds County Youth Court Judge at the Henley-Young Juvenile Justice Center. Prior to being elected a judge, he served in various positions with the Jackson Police Department: police officer, training instructor, and trainer for the Special Weapons and Tactical Team. After being seriously injured in the line of duty, Judge Skinner retired from the Police Department. He enrolled in Mississippi College where he earned his M.S. degree in administration of justice. He subsequently earned his J.D. degree.

In December 2000, Judge Skinner was elected as a Hinds County Justice Court Judge. In November 2006, he was elected as the Hinds County Judge for District Four. Judge Skinner was instrumental in organizing a school that requires the detainees to work and receive counseling services. In addition, Judge Skinner serves as a youth court judge overseeing hearings for the Mississippi Department of Human Services regarding abuse and neglect cases.



## CLOSING LUNCHEON SPEAKER



**Dr. Terry Morris** is the Software Manager of the Constellation Program at the National Aeronautics Space Administration where he is responsible for software architecture concerns for space vehicles and habitats on the Earth, Moon and Mars. A former foster care child, he has served as the national spokesperson for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for two years. He has also participated in several national CFC videos as well as public service announcements supporting philanthropy, community service, and child advocacy.

Dr. Morris' past speaking engagements reflect his national prominence in his professional/academic discipline. They include key presentations at the White House, the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Justice.

Dr. Morris is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He earned his M.S. degree in electrical engineering at Old Dominion University and a Ph.D. degree in systems engineering at the University of Virginia. Dr. Morris was a George M. Low Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is currently pursuing a certificate in public leadership at the Brookings Institute. He resides in Newport News, Virginia.

## PLENARY SPEAKER



**Ms. Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald** is the Director of the Children's Defense Fund's Southern Region. She also serves as the Regional Administrator for the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative for Economic and Social Justice.

In 1993, she was appointed as the White House Liaison and Executive Assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy. Shortly thereafter she served as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs where she coordinated the Administration's long-term recovery of Midwestern states affected by The Great Flood of 1993. She was also a member of the United States Department of Agriculture's Executive Review Panel responsible for selecting rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

Ms. Fitzgerald serves as a board member of the Mississippi Head Start Association and the Mississippi Children's Museum. She is also a member of the State Children's Welfare Coalition and the Global Women's Action Network for Children. Ms. Fitzgerald is the proud mother of four children, Rashida, Yusef, Layla and Joi.

## FIELD EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS



**Ms. Jane Upshaw** is the founder and owner of Social Work p.r.n., a national professional social work company that provides services and products for most fields of practice. For the past 38 years, she has worked in civil rights compliance, addiction, inpatient and outpatient mental health, crisis intervention hospitals, private practice and consultancy. Ms. Upshaw worked as adjunct and field instructors in Kansas City's higher education institutions. She also has served as a member of a related advisory board.

Ms. Upshaw earned the B.S.W. and M.S.W. degrees from the University of Kansas.



**Mrs. Barbara Hudson-Smith** is a licensed clinical social worker in private practice and on the staff of the University of Chicago Counseling and Resource Center. For 34 years she was on the faculty of the Psychiatry Department at the University of Chicago Hospital where she was Director of Adult Clinical Social Work Services and Director of Social Work Student Training. In private practice, she specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of anxiety and mood disorders, adjustment disorders, and works with young adults.

She earned her B.A. degree from Tougaloo College and the M.A. degree from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration.

## FIELD EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SPEAKER



**Mr. Ray Shoemaker** is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rural Healthcare Developers, a nonprofit organization that provides modern healthcare to rural communities. He is also the owner of the Patients' Choice Medical Center of Humphreys County, an acute care hospital located in Belzoni, Mississippi. Mr. Shoemaker previously served as the Director of Behavioral Health for Perspectives/Horizons Mental Health Management.

Mr. Shoemaker has received recognition in his professional practice. The Memphis Business Journal recognized him for his innovative approach to healthcare. In 2006, Modern Healthcare Magazine, which showcases talented young leaders in health care, selected him as a recipient of the "Up and Comers" Award. Mr. Shoemaker is co-author of a book on leadership. He has also implemented a healthcare leadership program.

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**Conference Overview**

**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. .... Registration

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. .... **Opening Plenary Session**

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. .... Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. .... **Concurrent Workshops**

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. .... Lunch on Your Own

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. .... **Concurrent Workshops**

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. .... Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. .... **Plenary Session**

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. .... **Concurrent Workshops**

**Friday, February 13, 2009**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. .... **Plenary Session**

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. .... Break

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11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. .... **Closing Luncheon**

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Jackson Marriott Hotel  
Jackson, Mississippi**

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**Conference Registration**  
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Exhibits**  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

**Location: Windsor I & II  
8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Presider

**Leon Chestang, PhD**  
Interim Associate Dean  
School of Social Work  
Jackson State University

Greetings

**Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, PhD**  
Dean, College of Public Service  
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**Robert Walker**  
Chief Administrative Officer  
City of Jackson



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**OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

Introduction of Guest Speaker

**Leon Chestang, PhD**

Speaker

**Diann Dawson**, Director  
Office of Regional Operations  
Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Washington, DC

**10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**BREAK**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Session I      **Update on Progress in Implementing the Olivia Y Settlement and Opportunities in Family and Children’s Services**

***Room: Windsor IV & V***

The presenter will discuss the foster care system in the state of Mississippi. Employment opportunities for social workers will also be highlighted.

*Presenter:      Lori Woodruff, MSW, MEd  
Deputy Administrator  
Family and Children’s Services  
Mississippi Department of Human Services*

*Moderator:      Warren Yoder  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
School of Social Work  
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**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Session II      Grandparents in Kinship Care: Help or Hindrance to Family Preservation**

***Room: Surrey Ballroom***

This presentation will provide a literature review focusing on whether grandparents in kinship care arrangements help or hinder family preservation. Research and practice recommendations will also be provided.

*Presenters:      Gloria Davis, PhD  
Assistant Professor/Field Coordinator  
School of Social Work  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas*

*Patricia Wilkerson, PhD, LCSW  
Assistant Professor  
School of Social Work  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Little Rock, AR*

*Moderator:      Mackey Wright  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

**Session III      Epidemiology of Conduct Disorder, and Effectiveness of Evidence-Based Practices**

***Room: Churchill I***

This comprehensive literature review of conduct disorder will summarize current knowledge with regard to epidemiology and the effectiveness of evidence-based practice interventions with children and adolescents.

*Presenter:      Bernice McKenny, MSW  
Social Work Doctoral Student  
Jackson State University*

*Moderator:      Benetra Johnson  
Social Work Doctoral Student  
Jackson State University*

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**Session IV      Teenage Pregnancy in Mississippi: Causes, Consequences, Practice, and Policy Implications**

***Room: Churchill II***

An exploration of the causes and consequences of teenage pregnancy, along with practice and policy implications, will be addressed in this presentation. Participants will engage in identifying prevention and case management efforts that are effective in addressing this child welfare issue.

*Presenter:      Dorothy Idleburg, PhD  
Professor  
Department of Social Sciences  
Alcorn State University  
Alcorn State, MS*

*Moderator:      Sandra Turner  
Social Work Doctoral Student  
Jackson State University*

**11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**LUNCH (on your own)**

**1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Session V      A Study on Social Supports during the Economic Crisis for African-American Adults who Grew Up in Foster Care**

***Room: Winston Ballroom***

The research presentation will focus on longer-term outcomes for former foster care children to help child welfare workers understand how placements affect adult social support systems.

*Presenter:      Vincent Venturini, PhD  
Interim Chair  
Department of Social Work  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Itta Bena, MS*

*Moderator:      Brittney Johns  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

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**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Session VI     Another Cost of War: Violence in U.S. Military Families**

***Room: Surrey Ballroom***

An exploration of issues in family violence in military families will be presented. Barriers to the utilization of such programs designed to identify and assist families experiencing maltreatment will also be explored.

*Presenter:       Melinda Pilkinton, PhD  
Assistant Professor/Field Coordinator  
Department of Sociology and Social Work  
Mississippi State University  
Mississippi State, MS*

**Correlates of Child Poverty among Immigrants: Evidence from the New Immigrant Survey of Legal Permanent Residents**

The presenter discusses the results of a study on immigrant child poverty that applied concepts from human capital and acculturation theories. The study serves as a baseline for investigating the factors associated with the economic status of immigrant children.

*Presenter:       Psyche Southwell  
Assistant Professor  
College of Social Work  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY*

*Moderator:      Felicia Cameron  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

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**Session VII    The Beneficial Impact of Homeownership on Children**

***Room: Churchill I***

The presenters will outline the multiple dimensions of housing poverty, including the lack of knowledge about related resources. The session will also focus on the role that rural self-help homebuilding plays in improving the quality of life for children and families.

*Presenters:    Phyllis Hammond, LCSW  
Clinical Instructor  
School of Social Work  
Jackson State University*

*Carolyn Nelson  
Consultant  
Jackson, MS*

*Moderator:    Ann Williams  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

**Session VIII    An Exploration of the Relationship among Parental Mental Health Evaluations, Race and Placement Decisions in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases**

***Room: Windsor IV & V***

As a social problem, child maltreatment in the United States has commanded public attention and concern through an emphasis on the reality of severe physical abuse and child deaths. This presentation will include a review of related research as well as implications for policy makers.

*Presenter:    Michelle Salvaggio  
Social Work Doctoral Student  
City University of New York  
New York, NY*

*Moderator:    Katina Lang-Jenkins  
Social Work Doctoral Student  
Jackson State University*



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Session IX      **Poverty and Quality of Life among Children of Incarcerated African American Parents: A Critical Review and Analysis of Literature from an Evidence-Based Perspective**

***Room: Churchill II***

The presentation will include a review of literature from an evidence-based perspective of the impact that the incarceration of African American parents and poverty have on the quality of life of their children. Social welfare policy and practice implications will also be presented.

*Presenter:*      *Charles Birore*  
*Visiting Assistant Professor and*  
*Social Work Doctoral Student*  
*Jackson State University*

*Moderator:*      *Tanya Buckley*  
*Social Work Doctoral Student*  
*Jackson State University*

**2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

**BREAK**

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Location: Windsor I & II

**2:45 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.**

Presider

**Jean Brooks**

Assistant Professor and BSW Program Coordinator  
School of Social Work  
Jackson State University

Introduction of Speaker

**Jean Brooks**

Speaker

**Oleta Fitzgerald**

Southern Regional Director  
Children's Defense Fund  
Jackson, MS

**3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Session X

**The Plight of the Homeless, Convicted Felons and Society's Miscarriage of Justice:  
It's a Family Affair!**

***Room: Windsor IV & V***

The presenter will address the plight of the homeless, including individuals, families, and other groups. Innovative secondary prevention and intervention trends and strategies will also be highlighted.

*Presenter: Irma J. Gibson, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Social Work  
Savannah State University  
Savannah, GA*

*Moderator: Sabrina Vance  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

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**Session XI      Effects of Therapeutic Riding with At-Risk Children**

***Room: Churchill I***

This presenter will discuss therapeutic horse riding and provide empirically supported evidence indicating the effectiveness of equine-assisted activities for at-risk children.

*Presenter:        Marian Swindell, PhD, MSW  
Associate Professor of Social Work  
Mississippi State University – Meridian Campus  
Meridian, MS*

**Male Social Workers in Child Welfare: A Qualitative Analysis**

This presentation will include a study's research design, methods, findings, discussion and recommendations for encouraging more male social workers to practice social welfare.

*Presenter:        Bryan Warde, PhD, LCSW  
Assistant Professor  
Social Work Department  
Lehman College/City University of New York  
Bronx, NY*

*Moderator:        Desmond Griffith  
Social Work Doctoral Student  
Jackson State University*

**Session XII      African American Culture Revisited: The Socialization of African American Youth**

***Room: Surrey Ballroom***

The presentation will provide a theoretical framework for understanding the difficulties inherent in the socialization of African American youth in a Euro-American society. It will offer intervention strategies.

*Presenter:        Dorothy Adamson Holley, PhD, LCSW-C  
DEAH Training and Consulting, Inc.  
Baltimore, MD*

*Moderator:        Adriane Dorsey-Kidd  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
School of Social Work  
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**Session XIII    Nine Million Uninsured Children: Implications for Policy Makers**

***Room: Churchill II***

This presentation will identify barriers to children's access to health coverage that create a range of consequences for families. Implications for policy makers will also be discussed.

*Presenter:        Anna Marshall, PhD, LCSW  
Assistant Professor  
School of Social Work  
Jackson State University*

*Moderator:       Paula January  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

**Child and Adolescent Sibling Abuse: Implications for Adult Relatedness**

The presenter will discuss preliminary findings of the impact of childhood and adolescent physical or emotional sibling abuse on survivors' self-perception and intimate relational experience.

*Presenter:        Amy Meyers, LCSW  
Clinical Director, Family Justice Organization  
Social Welfare Doctoral Student  
Hunter College School of Social Work  
New York, NY*

**Session XIV    Adoption: Issues in Recruitment and Retention of African American Families**

***Room: Winston Ballroom***

The presenter will explore the importance of cultural issues in approaching African American families regarding foster care and adoption.

*Presenter:        Ruth Amerson  
Executive Director  
Another Choice for Black Children  
Charlotte, NC*

*Moderator:       Lamar Boone  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

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**Field Education Symposium**

**10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

**SESSION**

**Session A      Empowering Field Instructors for Change at Grassroots Level**

***Room: Canterbury***

Understanding change in relation to competence and discipline is imperative for future social workers. This workshop will focus on transcending issues that social workers face on a daily basis.

*Presenter:      Joan K. Upshaw, LCSW, LSCSW  
Owner and Clinical Director  
Social Work p.r.n.  
Overland Park, KS*

*Moderator:    Elvie Willis, LCSW  
Director of Behavioral Health Services  
Central Mississippi Medical Center  
Jackson, MS*

**11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

**LUNCH (on your own)**

**1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**SESSION**

**Session B      Entrepreneurs Partnering with Field Educators for Field Placements**

***Room: Canterbury***

This session will focus on collaborative projects that will prepare social work students to work effectively in private practice. Issues focused on bridging social work and business settings for community partnership will also be discussed.

*Presenter:      Ray Shoemaker, MBA  
President/CEO  
Rural Healthcare Developers  
Belzoni, MS*

*Moderator:    Lucas Watson, LCSW  
Social Worker/Consultant  
Jefferson County Hospital and Behavioral Unit  
Fayette, MS*



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Speaker

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Southern Regional Director  
Children’s Defense Fund  
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**SESSION**

Session C     **The Art and Science of Effective Direct Practice Supervision**

***Room: Canterbury***

The quality of field supervision provided is vital to the success of the overall placement experience. This presentation will examine characteristics of effective field supervision and the impact concerning student satisfaction with the field experience.

*Presenter: Barbara Hudson- Smith, LCSW  
Director of Training, University of Chicago  
Current Private Practitioner and Staff Member  
Chicago, IL*

*Moderator: Wanda Steinwinder, LCSW  
Social Services Manager  
Brentwood Behavioral Healthcare of Mississippi  
Jackson, MS*

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**PLENARY SESSION**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Location: Windsor I & II

Presider

**Laurie Lawson, PhD, LCSW**  
Professor and Director, Doctoral Program  
School of Social Work  
Jackson State University

Introduction of Speaker

**Laurie Lawson, PhD**

Speaker

**Honorable William Skinner**  
Hinds County Youth Court Judge  
Jackson, MS

**9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.**

**BREAK**

**9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Session XV    **MSW Does Not Mean “Must Save the World!”**

***Room: Windsor IV & V***

This workshop will focus on the self-care needs of social workers and other professionals who work with clients. Participants will explore their own beliefs, practices, and self-care needs focusing on boundary issues, self-love, self-forgiveness, and avoiding burnout.

*Presenter: Dorothy Adamson Holley, PhD, LCSW-C  
DEAH Training and Consulting, Inc.  
Baltimore, MD*

*Moderator: Kynetta Williams  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

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**Session XVI Children of Incarcerated Parents: Is Social Work Interested?**

***Room: Churchill II***

An ongoing analysis of children victimized by the incarceration of their parents is the primary focus of this presentation. The secondary focus is on parents who attempt to prevent their children from entering the prison system.

*Presenter: Regina Curry, LMSW  
Mitigation Specialist  
Mississippi Office of Capital Defense Counsel  
Jackson, MS*

*Moderator: Margaret Amenuke  
Social Work Doctoral Student  
Jackson State University*

**Session XVII The Relationship between Poverty and Mental Illness**

***Room: Surrey Ballroom***

The presenter will discuss how poor people are more likely to be exposed to stressful environments, be cushioned less by social or material resources, and how poverty can be a consequence of mental illness.

**The Relationship between Violence and Poverty and Interventions that Work for Youth**

The presenter will discuss the devastating consequences of poverty for youth and provide programmatic strategies for addressing youth violence and poverty.

*Presenter: Fred Dyer, PhD, CADC  
Owner and Consultant  
Fred Dyers & Associates  
Chicago, IL*

*Moderator: Trenia Allen, LCSW  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
School of Social Work  
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**Session XVIII A Personal Perspective: Facing Challenges, Creating Opportunities Locally and Globally**

***Room: Winston Ballroom***

A mother-daughter team will share information on cleft lip and cleft palate challenges. A description and impact of the “Cleft Teddy Bear Project” through the Cleft Palate Foundation will also be discussed.

*Presenters: Claire Crawford  
Student – Starkville High School  
Starkville, MS*

*Leigh Jensen-Crawford, PhD, LCSW  
Director, Office of Assessment and Testing Services  
Mississippi State University  
Mississippi State, MS*

*Moderator: Jennifer Lewis  
Master of Social Work Student  
Jackson State University*

**11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**

**LUNCHEON**

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**CLOSING LUNCHEON**

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**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Presider

**Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, PhD**  
Dean  
College of Public Service  
Jackson State University

Greetings

**Ronald Mason, Jr.**  
President  
Jackson State University

**Felix Okojie, EdD**  
Vice President for Research and  
Federal Relations  
Jackson State University

Invocation

**Reverend James Washington, Sr.**  
Pastor  
St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church  
Jackson, MS

Introduction of Speaker

**Gwendolyn Spencer Prater**

Speaker

**A. Terry Morris, PhD**  
Former Foster Child  
Philanthropist and Software Manager  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
Newport News, VA

Presentation of Awards and Closing Remarks

**Gwendolyn Spencer Prater**



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Catholic Charities  
Children’s Defense Fund  
Hinds County Human Resource Agency  
Jackson State University – College of Public Service  
School of Health Sciences  
School of Policy and Planning  
*Department of Public Policy and Administration  
Department of Urban and Regional Planning  
School of Social Work  
Mississippi Attorney General’s Office  
Crime Victim Compensation Division  
Mississippi Children’s Home Services (CARES)  
Mississippi Families for Kids  
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