

## **TOSHIA SAFFORD BIO**

**Toshia Safford** is co-founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Center for Healthy Families. She led a team of community stakeholders to launch Healthy Families Connections, a collaborative model designed to move pregnant and parenting teens on to achieving economic and social self-sufficiency. The work of the collaborative is one solution, to promoting systemic change, and healthy lives for teen parents and their children. As a leader and executive of this not-for-profit organization, Toshia presides over the organization's day-to-day operations, in addition to recruiting and motivating top leadership to the board; leading and guiding the partnership between the executive office and the board in determining the vision and strategic direction. She also leads the charge in developing collaborative partnerships and maintains ongoing contact with key community institutions and stakeholders in order to advance organizational development, strategic planning and asset stewardship.

Ms. Safford's career includes over twenty-four years of successful human service experience. Her formal education coupled with her experience providing clinical services to dual-diagnosis clients and directed projects and curriculum development before accepting a position as External Affairs manager with a national service organization. Ms. Safford also has management experience focused on staff development, strategic planning, organizational development, and evaluation. She is committed to the individual and collective growth of our community's most disenfranchised residents.

Ms. Safford has a passion for community service and the arts, currently serving as the chair of the Governance and Nominating committee for the Board of Trustee for CAPA, in addition to the PREP Advisory Board and work committees that support women and girls. She also volunteers at Star Arts Gallery, where her duties that include acquisitions and artist engagement.

She has two children, Morgan and Mackenzie.