



BERNICE M. EDWARDS

Bernice Mitchell Edwards has over 32 years of experience in the non-profit and social service field, and in program management and administration.

Mrs. Edwards' association with First State Community Action Agency, Inc. began over 35 years ago as a head start parent. Her professional career started with First State Community Action Agency, Inc. (formerly known as Sussex County Community Action) December 1, 1978 obtaining

several positions beginning as a Neighborhood Youth Supervisor, Housing Counselor, Community Development Director, Deputy Director to her current position as Executive Director. In this position, Mrs. Edwards, administers over twenty-one (21) anti-poverty programs with an annual operating budget of nearly 15 million dollars. With 200 plus employees, Mrs. Edwards is strongly committed to the mission of First State Community Action Agency, Inc., "People Helping People Build Community".

Mrs. Edwards presently serves on the Human Relations Commission, Governor's Equal Employment Opportunity Council, Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Organization of Sussex County, Sunshine Circle Club, Milton Lions Club, Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club, Cape Henlopen Community Outreach Advisory Committee, and Delaware Financial Literacy board of directors.

Mrs. Edwards has an Associate Degree in Human Services, Delaware Technical and Community College, Bachelor of Science Degree of Behavioral Science Wilmington University, University of Delaware, Completion of Community Development Certificate Course. Mrs. Edwards is married to Willie James Edwards, Sr., has two children – Christa and Willie, Jr. and five grandchildren and a member of Friendship Baptist Church, Lewes, Delaware.