



Karen S. Days

The president of the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence and Interim President of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Karen S. Days is committed to creating a community culture that does not tolerate family violence. With the help of a strong Board of Trustees including the Coalition's founder, Abigail Wexner, the work is being accomplished through: mobilizing community resources; raising community awareness; supporting new initiatives for prevention and intervention; increasing and enhancing community education.

Professional Background:

Ms. Days has served as the first and only president of the Coalition since 1999. Prior to that she spent 10 years working in the criminal justice field.

This included positions as a fellow at the Office of Criminal Justice Services of Ohio; Night and Weekend director, Columbus City Prosecutor's Office; Crime Prevention Specialist for the Alliance for Cooperative Justice; Assistant Chief of the Grants Section of the Office of Criminal Justice Services of Ohio; and Director of Safety at United Way of Central Ohio.

Ms. Days is a graduate of The Ohio State University in 1993 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminology/Criminal Justice. Karen earned an MBA from Ohio Dominican University in April 2009.

Serving the Community

Currently, Ms. Days is serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for the United Way of Central Ohio, as a member of the Mount Carmel Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, and as member of the YMCA Metropolitan General Board.

In 2009, she received the "Women of Achievement Award" from the YWCA.

In 2001, she received the "Karama Community Leadership Award" from the Columbus Urban League.

In addition, she volunteered three years at the Short Stop Teen Drop-in Center of Directions for Youth and Families and as a mentor at Salesian Boys and Girls Club.

A native of Columbus, she grew up in the Linden area and currently resides in Clinton Estates.