

**MICHAEL E. WILLIAMS**  
**PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,**  
**ORCHARDS CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.**



As President and Chief Executive Officer of Michigan's premier Foster Care and Adoption Agency, Michael Williams has dedicated his life and career in support of all children and their families. Over the last four years Orchards has also increased its program model to include family preservation, after school and community-based programs.

Mr. Williams' involvement as a community leader includes active participation in the National Black Child Development Institute. He is President of the Association of Accredited Child and Family Agencies (AACFA). He is President of the board for Deaf Options--a corporation providing support services for the hearing-impaired, and a board member for MINDS, whose mission is to educate young people about mental illness. He is the recipient of the "Hero's" award in 2007 given by Michigan's Children, a statewide advocacy group. He knows the importance of service and believes that children are our most important resource.

He serves on the Board of Governors for the Renaissance Club in Detroit, Member of Detroit Lions Quarterback Club, Member of National Black Child Development, trained as a facilitator on the Healing of Racism, Member of the NAACP, etc.

Before becoming President and Chief Executive Officer of Orchards in 2003, he was President of Starr Vista, Inc. Care Management Organization. He was formerly Executive Director of the Hannah Neil Center, a program of Starr Commonwealth.

Michael was nominated and selected to Strathmore's Who's Who for 2004. He was selected for the Blue Chip Profile for talented and Successful African-Americans in Central Ohio in 1999. Michael enjoys reading, music, sports and most importantly listening to children about issues that most affect their lives. He is an Albion College grad and has been inducted into the Hall of Fame as an athlete, coach and team. He was also selected to as one of Albion College's Distinguished Alumni.

Michael has held a variety of positions, including family services worker and director of several community-based programs. In 1994, Michael was elected Mayor of the City of Albion and was re-elected in 1996. He is married and has one daughter.