

---

**MICHAEL JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LUTHERAN CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES OF INDIANA**

---



In March of 2007 the Board of Director's for Lutheran Child & Family of Indiana/Kentucky (LCFS) unanimously appointed Michael Johnson to lead its 114 year old agency. Johnson is leading an agency that was established as an orphanage in 1883, which has a rich history of serving young people and their families. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations of LCFS residential treatment center, their adoption and foster care programs, their counseling and family preservation programs and their partnership with Community Health Hospitals. He also manages a strategic partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) and Gallahue Mental Health Center, which provides educational and therapeutic support services for special need children that attend LCFS day school programs.

Prior to his appointment in Indianapolis, Johnson served as Vice President of Urban Services for the YMCA of Greater St. Louis. He was responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Monsanto Family YMCA, its Early Childhood Education Center, the YMCA Boys Choir and the YMCA Performing Arts Center. He was also responsible for the management of programs coordinated within twelve Saint Louis Public Schools. The programs administered by his office impacted more than 7,000 children and their families in the Greater St. Louis area. In 2006, Johnson convinced city officials to construct on YMCA grounds a community track and park to be named after a well respected educator in the City of St. Louis.

During his tenure new programs were created; fundraising goals were exceeded; membership grew and the financial stability of the organization was drastically improved. Furthermore, Johnson wanted to improve the visibility of the YMCA in the community. Therefore, he led a team of volunteers to travel to New Orleans to assist with the hurricane relief efforts. He led the effort to raise more than \$250,000 to support the relief efforts and to support the YMCA partner campaign. His efforts positioned the YMCA to send kids to Belize, Ukraine and Trinidad. Under his leadership, his office organized anti-violence conferences, health fairs, and other events that raised the profile of the agency and helped secure funds to support programs for YMCA children.

During his time in St. Louis Johnson was Co-Chairman of Washington University, School of Medicine-African American Advisory Board and was named Non-Profit Executive of the Year by the St. Louis Metro Sentinel Journal. He was featured on the front page of the St. Louis American, highlighting his work with troubled teens. In February 2006, the YMCA hosted a farewell celebration for Johnson and the Mayor of St. Louis proclaimed February 24, 2007 as "Michael Johnson Day" in the City of St. Louis honoring him for his work in the community.

Prior to his appointment in St. Louis Johnson served as Special Assistant to the CEO of Philadelphia Public Schools where he was responsible for community outreach, faith-based programs, after-school programs, fundraising and was the CEO's liaison for facility management. In 2004, Johnson received a proclamation from the City Council of Philadelphia for his effort to lead a citywide anti-violence initiative, which was held in more than 300 schools and community-based organizations across the Philadelphia region. He has also held management positions at Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago and Chicago Public Schools as a Club Director and a Human Relations Officer. He holds a Master in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, a Bachelor in Business Education from Chicago State University.