



## **Marva Williams**

Marva Williams has served as a Senior Program Officer for Chicago Local Initiatives Support Corporation since June 2007. She is responsible for planning and implementing programs and services for the Great Neighborhoods Program.

Williams serves as a program officer in four Chicago communities participating in the New Communities Program, a comprehensive community development initiative.

From 1996-2007, Williams was the Senior Vice President of the Woodstock Institute. She is also the coordinator of the CRA Coalition. She is a member of the Community Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank, and is a volunteer with the North Side Community Federal Credit Union. Williams is a member of the National Partnership on Financial Education, which is convened by the Consumer Federation of America, and has served as an adjunct lecturer at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Urban Planning and Policy Analysis.

Williams was selected by LaSalle Bank to receive the 2004 Tom Gobby Community Leadership Award for her commitment to helping lower-income households access the financial mainstream and develop assets. She was recognized by National Center of Poverty Law for her work on financial literacy and by Illinois Representative Eddie Washington for supporting the establishment of a state community reinvestment policy.

Williams holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Pittsburgh and a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Public Policy from Rutgers University's Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy.