

BEVERLY BEASLEY JOHNSON, JD

Mrs. Johnson has over 31 years of experience in child and social services, welfare-to-work programs and civil rights work.

Mrs. Johnson became the Director of the San Mateo Human Services Agency in November of 2006. She had previously held a similar Position in the Kern County Department of Human Services from 2002 until Nov, 2006. Beverly moved to California from Michigan, where she worked in State Government. Her last position there was Chief Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights where she was responsible for overseeing the daily management of the department's investigation, settlement and litigation of unlawful discrimination complaints. Prior to that, however, Mrs. Johnson spent 23 years as a social worker, supervisor, manager and Administrator of Public Welfare and Human Services for the Michigan Family Independence Agency, now known as the Human Services Agency. Mrs. Johnson is most proud of her work in helping to implement welfare-reform, ensuring the delivery of quality customer service, and the important work of preventing and protecting children from abuse and neglect.

She is the grandmother of five beautiful granddaughters who blessed her life when she married her husband, Thomas, four years ago.

Beverly served on the First 5 Commission in Kern, the Board of Directors of the Bakersfield Homeless Center, the Workforce investment Board, and was the Vice Chair of the Kern County Network for Children. She has co-chaired the CWDA Self Sufficiency and the Medi-Cal subcommittee, and is now actively involved in the Bay Area Social Services Consortium, Redwood City 2020 and the Coastside Community Schools Partnership. Mrs. Johnson was the recipient in Kern of the 2004 "Women with a Heart Award", which honors women who have made a significant impact on their community, and in 2005 she was recognized by the California State Foster Parent Association as the Director of the Year. Mrs. Johnson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Oakland University and a Law Degree from the Michigan State University's Detroit College of Law. She is a licensed attorney and a member of the Michigan State Bar.