

## Bio of Mae H. Best



Mae H. Best began her employment as the Executive Director of the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative in June 2000, shortly after the organization received its 501c3. Ms. Best major accomplishments are growing the organization from serving only children at risk of entering the child welfare system to serving the entire family, from children to older adults, as well as with her guidance, East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, INC. has fostered these major programs:

- East of the River Regional Socialization HUB (senior services for wards 7 & 8)
- Community Prevention and Support (case management for families and seniors)
- Truancy Prevention; Safe Passages and Family Rehousing and Stabilization Program for homeless families. Two Family Success Centers- Benning Terrance/ Benning Park and Benning Rd and

Minnesota Ave.

She believes that Ward 7 families are resilient and want what every family wants for their children; therefore, programs and services are developed with that goal in mind. Services include but not limited to; housing and employment assistance, parent education and support, truancy support, case management, a range of services for older adults and the operation of two Family Success Centers. Ms. Best is a licensed clinical social worker and received her MSW from the University of Illinois and her BS from the NC A&T State University.