

# Meet Dara Munson

## President and CEO, Family Focus

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**Dara Munson is a seasoned executive with 25 years of leadership, management, and non-profit experience.**

Formerly CEO of Chicago Child Care Society since 2016, Munson is a native of Detroit and past President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Detroit, past COO of Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, and past Senior Director of United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

Munson's early career and education were in criminal justice and she now serves as a Trustee of her alma mater, Eastern Michigan University Foundation Board. Since coming to Chicago, Munson has been invited to leadership positions serving on the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Youth Committee, the Illinois Partners for Human Services Board, the Southside Giving Circle for the Chicago Foundation for Women and Vice Chair of Chicago Alliance for Collaborative Effort. She also serves on the Boards of the International Women's Forum and Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Incorporated.

Munson's particular passion is for serving Black and Brown children, youth and families, to improve their opportunities to reach their highest human potential. She is dedicated to dismantling structural and systemic racism and oppression that creates barriers to education, economic security and freedom to live life in peace and without fear.

**"The work I do has rarely been easy but it is undeniably essential to strengthening the fabric of our community. To that, I will always hold myself accountable."**

**- Dara Munson**

"I'm thrilled to know that the future of Family Focus is in the capable hands of Dara Munson. I have known Dara and followed her career in Chicago with great admiration. Her commitment to children and families, and her passion for improving the lives of all community members is inspiring."

**- Merri Ex**  
Immediate Past President  
& CEO, Family Focus



Dara Munson and Merri Ex at the Family Focus Nuestra Familia Center