



**Shawna Donaldson (Thomerson)**  
**Executive Director**

Shawna Donaldson (Thomerson) began her Great Kids, Inc. career in 2008 as a member of the Training Team. As a GKI Trainer, Shawna conducted Growing Great Kids (GGK) Certification and Advanced Practice Seminars, in addition she served as a member of GKI's Trainer Mentoring Team and Training Development Team. Shawna also provided program consultation and quality assurance support. In 2017 Shawna was appointed as the new Executive Director for GKI.

Previously, Shawna worked for the Kentucky HANDS Program as a Program Supervisor and had worked in all roles associated with that position including Parent Survey and Family Support work. As the HANDS Program Manager, Shawna managed significant program growth while functioning in all roles from assessment to service delivery. As part of Shawna's work in Kentucky, she served as a state wide GGK Trainer.

With over 25 years of professional experience in the social service field, Shawna's past work history includes Social Service Coordinator for Clark County Home Health, Program Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, Family Resource Center Social Worker and Instructor for undergraduate social work courses for Morehead State University.

In 2015, she received the Kentucky Public Health Association Helen B. Frasier award which honors an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the health and well-being of mothers and children in Kentucky. Shawna's educational background includes a Master's of Social Work degree from the University of Kentucky and a Bachelor's of Social Work degree from Morehead Kentucky State University. Shawna is licensed as a Certified Social Worker.

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