

Susan Kennedy

YMCA - Senior Vice President of Human Services

Susan Kennedy is responsible for leading the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago's Human Services platform, which includes over \$20 million in annual revenues and 1,000 employees. In 2011, this platform provided over 1.6 million direct service hours to support over 17,500 individuals from birth through 100+ years of age through diverse programs that span the life cycle. These programs primarily serve low-income children and families in underserved Chicago neighborhoods that face a host of risk factors and hardships including poor performing schools, low high school graduation rates, widespread violence, poor nutrition, extensive health problems, and housing instability, among other things. The Y's Human Service programs currently include early education and care, urban school-age education initiatives, suburban school-age education initiatives, comprehensive youth safety and violence prevention programs, and homemaker services through the Community Care Program.

An attorney with more than 20 years of experience, Ms. Kennedy's work encompasses the nonprofit, public and private sector experience, including work in community-based initiatives that help at-risk youth. She has served extensively in the areas of child and family law and is a former chief attorney for the Chicago Transit Authority's Risk Management Division. She is the vice chairman of the Board of The Family Institute at Northwestern University and the past president of the Student Alliance for Homeless Youth. She serves on the Board of Governors of the Illinois Club for Catholic Women. Ms. Kennedy earned her Juris Doctor and her Master of Laws in child and family law from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in interpersonal and public communication from Bowling Green State University.