

## **Kathleen Williams, M.A. (Project Specialist)**



Kathy Williams is currently a Project Specialist for Project HEAL. She plays an integral role in coordinating referral networks for the program and recruiting participants for community interviews and focus groups. She is also the Founder/Executive Director of Friends in Need Children's Center (FINCC). The mission of FINCC is to improve the academic and social development of New Jersey's minority children and their families. Prior to founding FINCC, Kathy served as Principal of a K-6 elementary school with the Highlands School District. Her other prior experience includes serving as a Vice Principal in Highlands, NJ, a School Facilitator with the Orange Board of Education, and many years of teaching in the Newark public school system. The New York City Board of Education is where she started her teaching career that spanned over several years.

Kathy has earned two master's degrees: an M.A. in Educational Administration from Kean University and an M.A. in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Adelphi University. She has also earned a B.S. in Management from Syracuse University. Kathy currently holds several educational certifications as: School Administrator, Principal, Supervisor, and a K-8 teacher certification. Kathy was selected as a member of the Supreme Court District IX C Arbitration Committee. She is also an active member of many community service organizations including, currently on the Board of Trustees for Monmouth County Habitat for Humanity, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club (NANBPWC), and several other community-based organizations. She has also served on the board of a non-profit organization until her time was diverted to founding her own non-profit organization.