

CITY OF HARRISBURG DEPARTMENT of ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU of SOCIAL EQUITY & AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

KIA HANSARD

Bio

Kia Hansard is County Director of Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO), a national non-profit organization that provides workforce development programming for re-entrants. At an early age, Ms. Hansard recognized her willingness to help others, which ultimately led her to becoming the first African American Girl Scout in the city of Harrisburg to obtain the Girl Scout Gold Award at the age of 17.

Kia graduated from Harrisburg High School in 1991 in the top 5% of her graduating class. She furthered her education by obtaining her Bachelor's of Science degree in Crime and Justice from Albright College and her Master's of Human Services Degree from Lincoln University. In addition, Ms. Hansard is also an alumna of the first graduating class of the Urban Leadership Development Institute- a program spearheaded by Penn State Harrisburg that identifies emerging African American leaders in the community.

For more than 20 years, she has been a tireless advocate for women and children, the disadvantaged and low-income families. Prior to joining CEO, she was employed with Justice Works Youth Care, an organization committed to building better futures for youth, their families and the community. She has also served as Executive Director of Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist Church, which provides services to children and low-income families.

Her commitment to improving the lives of others is also evident in her efforts as a community servant as she has served on the Board of Directors for the following organizations: Hemlock Girl Scout Council, the Urban League of Metropolitan Harrisburg and Sylvan Heights Science Charter School. In 2008, Kia received the Spirit of Rosa Parks award for her personal sacrifices and valiant fight for justice in her community. Ms. Hansard has also served as an Elected School Board Member for the Harrisburg School District and was recently appointed to serve as a Commissioner for the Harrisburg Human Relations Commission.

Ms. Hansard is the proud mother of two children, grandmother of one and currently resides in the city of Harrisburg. Kia can be reached via email: khansard@ceoworks.org

The Office of Social Equity and affirmative action provides internal and external leadership, coordination and information to help the City of Harrisburg employees and citizens promote and sustain an environment of diversity, equity, respect and inclusiveness for all members of the City of Harrisburg through education, intervention, compliance, training, assessment, programming and support services.