

## **Luvirda F. Carter, DCFS ILP Director**

Luvirda F. Carter is the Independent Living Program (ILP) Director for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, Youth Development Services Division. She is a civil servant with thirty five years of service with Los Angeles County, has worked twenty five years in the Department of Children and Family Services. Luvirda's DCFS service consists of twelve years at MacLaren Children's Center, six years in Kinship and the last seven years in Youth Development Services Division.

As the Director of the Independent Living Program Section, she oversees the daily operations with forty subordinate staff in the eight Service Planning Areas throughout Los Angeles County. The ILP team consistently strives to deliver optimum ILP services to eligible youth. These services provide youth opportunities to learn and master life skills, which encourage, promote and facilitate successful independent young adult. Luvirda's vision is to effectively collaborate with regional staff to deliver appropriate ILP services to the ILP eligible population served by DCFS.

Luvirda earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science Education at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She also possesses two graduate degrees, a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Southern California in 1990 and a Master of Science Degree in Human Services from Pepperdine University in 1981