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Billie Christian is the Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society (CAS) of Detroit, Michigan.

Ms. Christian received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Family Life Education with a focus on "At Risk Families" from Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan, USA and her Masters in Social Work with a concentration in Family and Children Services from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan, USA.

Ms. Christian has worked with Detroit urban schools and families using a family focused approach that has proven so effective that several CAS programs have been recognized as national models. From the beginning of her career at CAS, she has worked closely with the Detroit Police Department (DPD) Narcotics Special Enforcement Section and Gang Squad, developing a family crisis intervention program to help families reduce juvenile delinquent behavior. As a social worker Ms. Christian continued to provide services through Detroit Public Schools (DPS), providing crisis intervention, counseling, parent and life-skills training to high-risk youth and families referred by DPS and DPD. As an administrator she has designed numerous assessments, designed and presented staff training as well as implemented a DPS middle school Transition Program for troubled youth, targeting school retention and attendance. Her leadership in the field of youth and families in Detroit is both dynamic and visionary.

Ms. Christian continues her education and voice to inform Detroit Youth and is presently in EMU's College of Education Masters in Urban and Diversity Education.