

Valerie Bradley Hicks

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Valerie Bradley Hicks is a graduate of the Class of June 1971. Affectionately known as "Shoes" by her peers, Valerie's yearbook referred to her as, "CHS' Epitome of Young Womanhood." During her days at Collinwood she was active in Girls' Cabinet, Student Council, Human Relations Club and was a reporter for "The Collinwood Spotlight."

After graduation she attended Ohio University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work. From Ohio University she continued her education at Case Western Reserve University where she earned a Masters of Social Science in Administration.

Valerie has served as secretary for Ohio Home Based Services and has taught classes in Home Based Services at Case Western Reserve University. She implemented the Neighborhood Foster Program at Beech Brook Center For Family Services which was presented to the Casey Foundation Family To Family National Conference in 1997.

Mrs. Hicks co-authored and taught the curriculum on Leadership of Youth Groups for the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with the North East Ohio Chapter.

Presently, Valerie is the Director of Family Health and Neighborhood Relations for Beech Brook. Her unit currently serves over 4,000 children and families through its prevention and early intervention programs. Collinwood ninth graders received AIDS awareness education through this program in 1996 and 1997.

Valerie is married to Kenneth, who is also a graduate of June 1971. They have two sons, Kenneth Jr. and Justin.