

### **Dr. Wanda Figueroa-Peralta**

Dr. Wanda Figueroa-Peralta has dedicated her life to improve the mental health, education, and quality of life of communities. She is currently the President & CEO of River Valley and its affiliated corporations, which operates the River Valley Behavioral Health Hospital for Children.

Dr. Figueroa-Peralta serves on the Board of Directors of the Owensboro Health Foundation, and is a determined advocate for improving access to integrated behavioral treatment and services. Her passion for education, healthcare and social services guided the creation of intensive school based mental health services at more than 14 schools in Chicago. She has demonstrated keen visionary leadership over twenty-five years of executive leadership at the Association House of Chicago, ASPIRA, and state boards and commissions.

She secured and managed more than \$50M in donations for capital projects, government and private grants, and the implementation of evidence-based programs, including Youth Mentoring, PBIS, Mental Health First Aid, Systems of Care, Assertive Community Treatment, Dual Treatment, in addition to the implementation of services by consent decrees.

Dr. Figueroa was the recipient of La Raza Newspaper Mujeres Destacadas Leadership Award. In 2016, she received the Community of Care Award from Rincon Family Services and was also selected by Negocios Now Media to Who is Who in Chicago Business. Dr. Figueroa's life of service has helped bring attention to the importance of mental health and the expansion of integrated healthcare, educational and social services.