



Mendy Smith, MSW

For more than 27 years, Mendy Smith has served Illinois children and families as a dynamic, passionate leader for Brightpoint, formerly known as Children's Home & Aid. As vice president of early childhood services for Brightpoint, Mendy is responsible for the oversight of all aspects of early childhood programs and services throughout Illinois which includes Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) services. Her journey in this field started in the classroom – as a teacher for infants in the Scott Child & Family Center in Bloomington, Illinois.

Mendy's extensive background in prevention services includes working with home visiting programs such as Healthy Families America and Parents as Teachers. Mendy has also worked with the National Fatherhood Initiative and serves on local task forces for fatherhood involvement. Mendy has a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Missouri and in, she also earned a master's degree in social work from Illinois State University, where she now serves as an adjunct professor. For more than 27 years, Mendy has also served as the assistant women's basketball coach at Central Catholic High School in Bloomington. In 2025, she was inducted into the Illinois Coaches Basketball Hall of Fame. She and her husband, John, live in Hudson, Illinois. They have two sons, two daughters and five grandchildren.