

Theresa Nihill, LCSW

Executive Director, DuPage Center

Theresa Nihill was named Executive Director of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage in March 2007, after 21 years with the agency. She began her career at Metropolitan Family Services' Southwest office in Children's Mental Health in 1986 as a social worker, and has since assumed a variety of roles with the agency, including supervisor, team leader and program manager. In a supervisory role, she collaborated with outside partners to create several important agency programs including SHIFT (homeless transitional housing program), the Partnership for Behavioral Health, WeGo Together for Kids and Family Self-Sufficiency, each of which was developed to meet a gap in services for DuPage's ever-changing population.

As a community leader, Nihill is active in many community projects and associations, including the Mental Health Leadership Council for DuPage County, the DuPage Federation Board, the Board of Directors for Positive Parenting DuPage, and the Steering Committee for WeGo Together for Kids community project in West Chicago, Ill. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the Autism Society of Illinois and Autism Speaks/Cure Autism Now. In January 2007, Theresa was named one of "50 Under 50" – an award that honors up-and-coming leaders under the age of 50 in DuPage County.

Nihill received her bachelor's degree in Social Work from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. and her Master of Social Work from Tulane University in New Orleans, La.