

Temica Wofford currently serves as the child sexual exploitation specialist for La Rabida CAC in Park Forest Illinois. Temica brings a wealth of knowledge and experience having served youth in the foster care and juvenile probation systems for two decades in Atlanta, Chicago, and Los Angeles. After many years of observing a trend of systemic neglect for the hair care needs of African American girls in the child welfare system Temica made it her mission to change the system.

In 2015, Temica launched Loving Me, a preogram designed to empower girls to love themselves and their hair unconditionally. Her goal is to provide hair care advocacy, education and access to texture appropriate products and routine professional hair care services. In 2018, she launched the Love Box: a hair kit containing texture appropriate products given to youth living in LA County group homes and juvenile probation camps; which has garnered corporate sponsorships from ORS, Mielle Organics, Curls and WOW Skin Science and been given to 2,000+ youth to date. In 2019, with the support of the Children's Law Center of California Temica created a committee *Caring For The Whole Child* with Los Angeles County DCFS, Dept of Juvenile Probation, Community Care Licensing and the Ombudsman office to ensure that the hair care and hygiene needs of youth would become a priority and not something they had to earn and require staff and foster parents to receive training on how to care for African American hair

Temica's love for hair started at the age of 4, when she began spending Christmas and Summer breaks in Kansas City, MO.at her Grandmother's barber and beauty salon.