

Ida Dawson
Human Services Division Director
Human Services

Ida Dawson received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Saint Augustine's College and a Bachelor's Degree and a Master of Health Science Degree from Duke. With these degrees, she became a Physician's Assistant. She also received a Certificate from the Management Academy for Public Health from UNC-Chapel Hill. She also retired as a First Lieutenant, Medical Services, after 21 years with the United States Army Reserve.

Ida Dawson joined Wake County Human Services in 1988 as a Physician Extender in the Maternal Health Clinic. She later became the Director of the Maternal Health Clinic and then the Director of the Maternal & Women's Health Clinics.

In 2010 Ida became the Director of the Wake County Human Services Division of Health Clinics. In this role, she manages a \$16.8 million dollar budget and a staff of 167 employees. This group provides medical, laboratory and pharmaceutical services to clients who visit one of the seven clinics. As the Director of Clinics, she provides oversight for the broad array of clinical services offered in the following areas: HIV/Sexually Transmitted Diseases, well and sick care for children, dental care for children and pregnant women, prevention services, women's health, and prenatal care.

Ida provides leadership in facilitating community partnerships with other medical providers. She also cultivates community resources and ensures the clinics, labs and pharmacies adhere to all national and state standards and regulations.

Please join me in congratulating Ida on her retirement.