

Dr. Ilene E. Wilkins has been the President/CEO of UCP of Central Florida since 2002 and a member of the staff since 1995. Originally hired as the Center Director, she has been instrumentally in growing the agency from providing services to 150 children to making a difference in the lives of thousands of children with and without disabilities and their families.

Dr. Wilkins has served as a national and statewide leader in the field of disabilities including appointed by the Governor as the Chairman of the Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities for Children's Medical Services. She also was the Regional Chair for the United Cerebral Palsy Association Southeast Region and head of various policy task forces. She currently serves as a member of the Early Learning Coalition of Osceola County. Dr. Wilkins was also honored as the Central Florida Women of the Year by the Women's Executive Council and CEO of the Year for the Orlando Business Journal.

Previously, Dr. Wilkins was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association for Professional Foster Care where she helped lead foster care and adoption policy and legislative changes locally and nationally.

Dr. Wilkins has Bachelors from New York University, a Master's in Public Administration from Suffolk University and received her doctorate in Exceptional Education from the University of Central Florida.

Dr. Wilkins has seven children, thirteen grandchildren and three dogs. Dr. Wilkins was also a foster parent for ten years, fostering over 150 children and teens. She has a passion for traveling, roller coasters and reading.