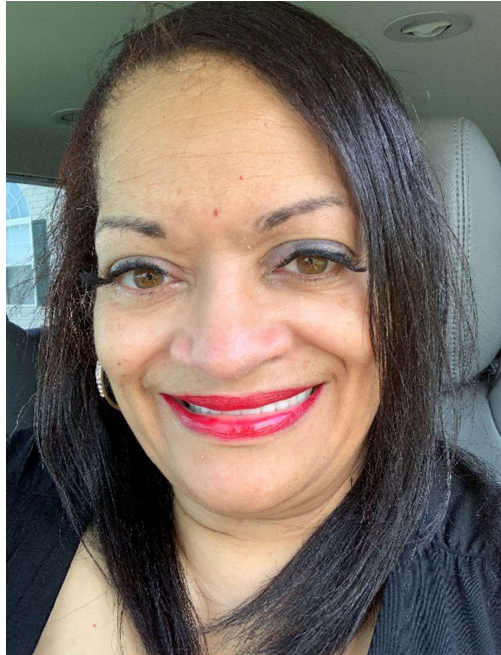


Gayla Lockhart

PAC Co-Chair



My name is Gayla Lockhart and I live in Bowling Green, Kentucky. I have been a mental health and disability advocate for over 34 years by serving my family and community. I serve on the Kentucky Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council. I am one of the founders of Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children. I have been a Kentucky Colonel since 1999.

When I had difficulty securing educational services for my son, I contacted P & A for assistance in securing services for him. That incident left me with a passionate desire to help other persons who were being discriminated against due to disability and to become a self-advocate. I am currently a member of the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Council. I choose to educate persons with disabilities to become a unified voice. I want to give others hope and share that with their family members as well.