

Tanya Atkinson, MSSW, APSW

Tanya Atkinson is the President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPWI), a statewide healthcare provider established in Milwaukee in 1935. Tanya began her career with PPWI as a community organizer and manager in 2004, subsequently serving as the organization's field director, vice-president of public affairs and education, vice-president of external affairs and chief external affairs officer.

Prior to joining Planned Parenthood, Tanya was the director of the Milwaukee office of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families - a statewide child advocacy organization, legislative aide in the Wisconsin Legislature, and social worker specializing in youth services. She served for over 10 years as an adjunct professor at both Carroll University and the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and was a professional touring comedian for about 10 years. She kept her day job.

Tanya received her MSSW at the University of Wisconsin Madison and BS at Carroll University. She currently serves as a board volunteer with Diverse and Resilient. Born on a dairy farm in Wisconsin's driftless region, she considers it a great privilege to have had the opportunity to live and work in many communities across this great state before making Milwaukee her much-loved permanent home. Tanya lives in Shorewood with her wife Laurie, a registered nurse, and Finley the wonder dog.

