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# PROFILE

- Member of Washington, DC based National Board for Central Illinois Organizing Project
- Frequent guest on Christian radio & television in central & western United States
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's Illinois State Advisory Board member
- Chair & co-founder of the Macon County Youth Violence & Gang Task Force
- Founder of the Ichthus Institute for Enrichment & Christian Development
- Co-founder of Nevada S.T.A.N.D (Saints Taking Action for our Nation's Destiny)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

• Designed & Conducted health & illicit drug awareness trainings in over 6000 local, statewide and national seminars, trainings & workshops during a 7-year period alone

• Developed specialized training modules for local & countywide social service agencies & schools in central Illinois

 Researched & conducted gang awareness trainings to law enforcement & community professionals

• Conducted leadership skills training to pastors, church leaders and public-school educators across U.S.

• Managed multiple countywide street gang and substance abuse prevention programs

• Trained and supervised staff for collaborative communitybased youth initiatives for four years

• Created award-winning, school-based, anti-social behavior trainings to middle-school youth and teachers, that was implemented for three consecutive years

• Conducted "Fire in the City" outdoor tent revival for four years in Central Illinois

#### **SUMMARY**

Husband to wife, Wanda & father of five and one grand-child. Pastored seven churches in the U.S. and provided professional trainings for over forty years. Has researched, written, designed & conducted engaging seminars, inclass trainings, workshops, and presentations to elementary through High School youth, college and university students and educators, mental health and social service professionals, churches, business owners, city, county and state law enforcement professionals across the United States. Including extensive experience providing Illinois State consultative services, program development and trainings

### **OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCES**

April 1988 - 2016 - Newsletter Publisher • Creator/editor/publisher of the *Prayerline Newsletter*. Original articles from the PLN are routinely included in other national and international publications. The PLN received the coveted *HIGHLY RECOMMENDED* endorsement from JP Green, Sr's International *Christian Literature World* publication.

October 1995 – 2000\_♦ Certified Senior Prevention Coordinator for a countywide

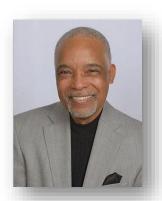
### EDUCATION & ASSOCIATIONS

Bachelor of Arts Theatre/English - Regis University, Denver, CO

Master of Arts Education - International Bible College & Seminary, Independence, MI

Lifetime Trainer certification, Strategic Development Institute, Leadership Skills Trainer, Illinois

Current National Speaker Association member – Las Vegas, NV



mental health agency. Coordinated county wide drug and violence, prevention programs. Wrote grants, designed & implemented youth prevention programs.

January 1992 - August, 1995 • Certified Prevention Specialist for a mental health center. Conducted trainings, workshops & seminars on substance abuse and gangs. Wrote grants & coordinated alternative programs for at-risk youth.

September 1989 - December 1991 - Tree of Life Christian School + Writer, director, producer of several musical plays, as well as instructor of speech and drama classes.

June 1977 - July 1978 - Artistic Production Specialist - Pasadena, CA ♦ Coordinator of all major productions of the Pasadena Community Arts Center. Creative writing, directing and publicity.

May 1976 - September 1977 - Drama Coach and Youth Supervisor - Pasadena, CA + Supervised and trained over 30 youth in a summer program involving drama, music and creative dance. Wrote and directed several minor productions and a major musical play at program's end.

April, 1974 - May 1975 - Co-host and Anchorman, - Denver, CO ♦ Performed research, writing as well as anchoring the new segment of a local TV variety/talk show of an NBC affiliate station. Produced several shows.

1973 – 1974 – Denver, CO TV ♦ News Reporter trainee for ABC network affiliate TV station

1970 – Summer - News writer for the Mayor's Office of the City of Chicago. Offered permanent position to work for the City plus full four-year scholarship to attend any university in Chicago.

#### MEDIA & GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ACKNOWLEDMENT FOR:

- Successful neighborhood coordination and planning, effecting measured substance abuse reduction
- Designed & presented own research-based training modules to local and county agencies & schools
- Researched & personally provided trainings to law enforcement, mental health & other community professionals
- Created & also administered award-winning, school-based, anti-social behavior trainings
- Continually researched and monitored local community and national trends
- Selected by Illinois governor's office to be a prevention consultant & referred by same as a consultant to the State of Texas