

Wendy B. Mahoney

Wendy Mahoney, Executive Director for Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence, has over 25 years of combined experience in the education, social service and mental health fields. Prior to this position, she has held other leadership positions such as the Principal Consultant for Divine Strategies Consulting, Executive Director for Mississippi Families as Allies for Children's Mental Health and Executive Director for the National Alliance on Mental Illness - Mississippi. Wendy's vast array of experiences and success come from her years of non-profit management; direct service; school administration; community leadership; cultural consulting; and personal and professional development trainings.

Wendy has a lifetime commitment to meeting the needs of at-risk populations and their families. She has worked successfully with many populations using her dynamic leadership skills, ability to communicate with and motivate people in challenging life situations and circumstances. Wendy has spoken extensively on mental health, depression, suicide prevention, family supports, HIV/AIDS and mental health, building self esteem in African American children, learning styles, stages of childhood development, domestic violence and the popular training for teachers and mental health professionals entitled "Recognizing Early Onset Mental Health Disorders: Key Warning Signs and Next Steps." Community involvement is an important aspect of Wendy's life. This is expressed through her commitment to her church community, youth development activities and community programming.

Most of Wendy's professional experience was obtained in Minnesota, therefore has allowed her to return to her home state of Mississippi to assist in impacting the system of care for families dealing mental illness, educational obstacles and domestic violence. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Tougaloo College, Master of Science Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and 6th year certificate in Education Administration both from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Wendy is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in Public Policy and Administration at Jackson State University.

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