

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Aminifu R. Harvey, DSW, LICSW

Dr. Aminifu Richard Harvey is currently a tenured full professor of social work at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina. He was an associate and assistant professor at the School of Social Work at the University of Maryland Baltimore and was also a professor of social work at Chico State in California. From June of 1986 until July of 1997, Dr. Harvey served as the Executive Director of the MAAT Center for Human and Organizational Enhancement, Inc. Dr. Harvey founded the MAAT Center to provide culturally competent services to African American families and youth. Dr. Harvey has been a practicing clinician for over 25 years; he is one of the pioneers in developing and implementing an Afrocentric approach to psychotherapy and social service delivery systems. He is a licensed independent clinical social worker; a member of The Academy of Certified Social Workers, listed in the National Association of Social Workers' Register of Clinical Social Workers, a Diplomat of Clinical Social Work, a certified hypnotherapist, a practitioner of neurolinguistic programming and has served as a consulting editor to the journal: *Social Work*.

Dr. Harvey's special interests areas are in the delivery of psychosocial services and the development of treatment interventions that are culturally appropriate and effective. His focus on culturally relevant treatment modalities and service delivery has its underpinnings in an Afrocentric approach, of which he has developed theoretical and practice models. Dr. Harvey has conducted numerous workshops and trainings in this area with a special interest on African-American families and youth. He is presently a member of the Black Administrators in Child Welfare, Inc., National Commission on the Role of Culture and the Assessment of Risk in African American Children and Families.

Dr. Harvey was the key person in conceptualizing and implementing what was probably the first Afrocentric comprehensive psychosocial program for families and youth to be funded with public monies in the United States. This culturally comprehensive program also included what was probably the first adolescent Rites of Passage program to be funded by public monies in the United States. He worked as a national invited guest at the national psychiatric hospital (Belle View) in Kingston, Jamaica. He worked with the South African government during May and June of 1998 in conducting a feasibility study on the importance of establishing a clearinghouse for youth training and entrepreneurial programs. Dr. Harvey has acted as a consultant to the United Church of Christ, Commission for Racial Justice, where he directed national projects focusing on Black Families, battered women and their families, and mentally retarded offenders.

Dr. Harvey was one of 14 professors chosen by the University of North Carolina to be a member of the Board's UNC Tomorrow Commission. The commission's role is to assist in determining the role of the University system for the next 20 years. He also serves as a member of the Disproportionate Minority Contract Subcommittee of the North Carolina Department of Crime and Public Safety Governor's Crime Commission.

Dr. Harvey served as a consultant to Project SPIRIT, a national demonstration project funded by The Carnegie Foundation, to provide a culturally enriched after-school and Saturday program to Families of African descent. He developed the following modules: living skills, educational Motivation, and parenting skills. He trained the Project SPIRIT staff in Afrocentric methods and techniques to implement the aforementioned modules. Dr. Harvey has conceptualized and implemented a number of interventions programs dealing with at risk youth. He has served as project director for a comprehensive youth and family drug, violence and ATOD prevention

program for at-risk low-income youth, which he developed. The program model included the development and implementation of youth: entrepreneurial programs, employment programs and work/job skill development. This was a three year 1.2 million dollar federally funded project by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

During the fall of 1998 Maryland's Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention funded a Church in a low-income area in Baltimore City to replicate the project model as a violence prevention program. Dr. Harvey has served as a consultant and an evaluator to the project. Dr. Harvey was an evaluator to Morgan State University's Family Life Program. This project was part of a larger federal project funded by the Office of Minority Health. The project funded nineteen Historical Black Colleges and Universities to develop and implement youth oriented violence prevention programs. Dr. Harvey has consulted with The Annie E. Casey Foundation on family and cultural issues. He has developed a culturally competent framework for working with African-American families. He is also, an evaluator for The National Center for Children and Families for a community school that receives funding from the Freddie Mac Foundation. He has developed a culturally competent HIV/AIDS prevention intervention "Pharaoh" for incarcerated African American heterosexual males. The program is being implemented throughout the State of Maryland's detention centers, jails and community based correctional programs. Dr. Harvey is presently in the process of developing an intervention for African American MSMs" for the City of Baltimore.

Dr. Harvey is co-editor with Kweku (Terry L.) Carr of *The Black Mentally Retarded Offender: A Holistic Approach to Prevention and Habilitation*, is editor of *The Black Family: An Afro-Centric Perspective*, and is co-editor of *Teen Age Pregnancy Prevention: A Rites of Passage Resource Manual*. He has authored or co-authored a numerous journal articles and book chapters concerning group work with at-risk populations and theory development in Africentric thought. He has developed an effective practice model for providing services to youth and families. Dr. Harvey has published articles concerning African American males and the criminal justice system. He has also published a number of book chapters focusing on the role of culture in providing therapeutic social services.

Dr. Aminifu Richard Harvey earned his doctorate of social work degree from Howard University in 1983 having received a National Institute for Mental Health Fellowship for doctorate study. He received his master of social work degree in 1972 from the University of Southern California, being the recipient of a Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship, from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation for graduate study. He received a BA degree from St. Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey. Dr. Harvey is the recipient of a number of awards particularly the First Annual Outstanding Social Worker award from the Howard University School of Social Work Alumni Association, the Life Time achievement Award from the District of Columbia Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers and was selected as the Social Work Educator of the Year (2004) by the Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. In June of 2007 Dr. Harvey was one of 14 professors chosen from the 16 Universities in the North Carolina University System to assist the Board of Governors with their state wide UNC Tomorrow project. He was also selected to be a member of the Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster. He is the father of three daughters and has one grandson and one granddaughter.