



Willie Williams, M.S., LCDC, CAS

Biographical Sketch

Mr. Willie Williams has 40 years experience in the development, direction and implementation of behavioral health and intellectual developmental disability policies and programs designed to meet the needs of critical target populations. He currently serves as Liaison and Contract Manager for the City of Austin Health and Human Services. He interfaces with more than 27 planning partnerships, agencies, governmental entities and the community on issues surrounding Behavioral Health, Intellectual Developmental Disabilities and Services for the Aging. He has a Master's Degree in Social Psychology, a Master Teacher Certification, a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, and is a Robert A. Taff Fellow graduate. He has multiple licensure and certifications, including Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, Certified Acu- Detox Specialist (CAS), Mediation & Advance Family Mediation, and NIMS – National Incident Management System. He has a history of forging diverse collaborative relationships that foster respect and inclusion.

Mr. Williams serves on the Board of Directors of:

- Texas Association Addiction Professional (TAAP)
- Plan Living Assistance Network (PLAN) of Central Texas

Highlights

Mr. Williams:

- Is a founding member of the Austin Area African American Behavioral Health Professionals Network ,
- Conceived, developed, and coordinated the **Central Texas African American Family Support Conference (CTAAFSC)** - Texas' first consumer-focused African American family support conference. The 12th annual conference convened over 700 participants. The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities replicates the model via its sponsorship of the Gulf Coast AAFSC.
- Designed and initiated implementation of a unique clinical counseling program model providing face-to-face and telephonic counseling to serve 420,000 members in 25 Central Texas counties,
- Served as Provider Relations Liaison for Austin Travis County Integral Care's public and for-profit Managed Service Organization. Supervised the Credentialing and Contract Management departments.
- Administered and or supervised Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, HIV/AIDS programs.
- Recognized for his contributions to secondary education as a teacher and administrator
- Pioneering Fortune 500 Company experience.
- Known for securing buy-in from culturally diverse constituencies in the development of successful, sustainable solutions.

Mr. Williams is the recipient of the 2010 Richard E. Hopkins "Torch" -Community Leader Award, 2009 National Alliance Mental Ill –Austin, - Professional Award.