

Joe Powell LCDC, CAS
Professional Biography

Joe Powell is a licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor and a Certified Acudetox Specialist who has treated people with addictions and co-occurring mental illness and substance use problems. He has 17 years of clinical experience, and is in his twentieth year of recovery from addiction and alcoholism. Mr. Powell currently works as Executive Director for the APAA - Association of Persons Affected by Addiction, an organization for individuals and families seeking or in recovery. APAA is funded by SAMHSA/CSAT.

Joe Powell started the first African American NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) in Dallas, Southern Sector and is now, active board chairman. NAMI-DCAA serves families with loved ones that have mental illness. He is currently on the national Board of Directors for Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR), The National Leadership Council (NLC) of Behavioral Health for African Americans, National Alliance of Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health Association (NAMBHA) and was awarded the Prism Award by Dallas Mental Health Association in Sept 2004. He sat on the Co-occurring Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Report to Congress committee in Washington DC .in 2004 and on the Social Work/Substance Abuse Advisory Board at Eastfield College. He is originally from Harlem N.Y.C., from a family of seven brothers and one sister. Mr. Powell siblings also suffered from addictions; Four siblings have serious mental illness. He now has been married for 18 years to his wife, Sylvia Kemp-Powell, (Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army) and has two sons, Max (19) and Tery (15).

Affiliation, Awards and Certifications:

Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, LCDC, since 1991
Certified Acudetox Specialist, CAS, since 2000
Mental Health Association (MHA) Prism Award 2004
Mental Health of America Texas, Board of Directors
Texas Association of Addiction Professionals
National Alliance on Mental Illness Community Recognition Award (NAMI)
Founder and Board Chairman for Dallas/NAMI-DCAA Southern Sector since 1998
National Faces & Voices of Recovery, Board of Directors
National Alliance for Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health Association (NAMBHA)
National Leadership Council for Behavioral Health for African Americans
Texas Association of Addiction Professionals (TAAP)
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)
Recovery Month Planning Partner/SAMHSA/CSAT/APAA
Dallas Katrina Task Force, Cultural Committee Chairperson
Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC), Gulf Coast - National advisory Board