



Marcus Smith

Marcus Smith is Chief of Policy and Programming for the Office of Prevention and Victim Services at the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). A native of the small town of Gretna Florida, Marcus attended the public schools of Gadsden County, later attending Tallahassee Community College (TCC), where he earned his A.A. in Public administration and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University earning a B.S. in Public Management. Marcus also serves as Senior Pastor of the Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Gretna, Florida. Returning to his roots, Marcus believes in giving back and building bridges for success. He engages his efforts of mentoring and community planning to further the church's 110-year history.

Labeled an at-risk youth, Marcus attributes his accomplishments and success to mentors and the consistent support of family. At the age of twenty, Marcus joined DJJ as a Juvenile Detention Officer (JDO) following the completion of an internship as a TCC student.

Marcus has over 20 years juvenile justice experience serving in many capacities such as Program Manager, Procurement Coordinator, Statewide Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator and Deputy Legislative Affairs Director. Marcus was instrumental in developing Youth/Law Enforcement Forums, and drafting research for the departments Procedural Justice curriculum.

Marcus is a devoted husband and father currently serving on the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, Florida Faith-based and Community-based Advisory Council, and the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Inc.

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