

Joan M. Williams-Jarrell



Joan M. Williams-Jarrell is the Executive Director of the Beth-Hark Christian Counseling Center, a faith-based organization which provides social services.

As a licensed Master Social Worker with over 25 years of experience, Joan has amassed broad expertise in the areas of Case Management, Non-Profit Organization Management; Residential Program Management; Children's Services Administration, Staff Development, Training and Curriculum Development, Grant Writing, Fiscal Management, and Christian Counseling. She's a Doctoral Candidate at Alliance Theological Seminary,

holds a Master's Degree in Education Counseling from the State University of New York College at Brockport and is a Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor.

Pioneering thinking and trend-setting strategies are Williams-Jarrell hallmarks. In the first three years of her tenure, she increased BHCCC revenue by 10%, launched the organization's first annual silent auction and celebrity food tasting, "Guiltless Gourmet for a Healthy Harlem" and was awarded one of the first Faith-Based NYC Walkers for Wellness grants. She supervised the launch of BHCCC's integrated media presence including the BHCCC Web site and social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Vimeo. The Guiltless Gourmet event captured more than 9,680 Facebook views. Her accomplishments with the Walkers for Wellness program is featured in the June 2013 issue of Woman's Day magazine.

Joan's leadership and capacity-building expertise have proven relevant in both local and global domains, and resulted in international travel to the nations of Ireland, Zambia, Aruba, Nigeria, South Africa, Curacao, Cuba, St. Maarten, Brazil and Jamaica. She has facilitated cross-cultural experiences for youth in Dublin, Ireland and Zambia and was published in "*Fostering Kinship: An International Perspective on Kinship Foster Care*" published in London, about the experiences of children in kinship foster care.

Joan is an Ordained Elder and the Community Affairs Liaison for Bethel Gospel Assembly, Inc., a +1500 member church. In this capacity, she served as a New York City Office of Emergency Management trained member of the Community Response Team (CERT) for Manhattan District #11 and is a former member of Community Board #11. She is a graduate of the New York Police Department's Civilian Police Academy, and serves as a Clergy Liaison for the 25th Precinct. She has received special recognition from the 25 Precinct for her commitment to the community and support of the New York City Police Department.

Joan believes her greatest accomplishment has been assisting those impacted by the scourge of abuse and neglect to overcome their past and go forward to develop their individual gifts and talents.