

**Debra A. Fields**  
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**DEGREE:**

Bachelor of Arts; Alverno College: Business Management and Professional Communications

**EMPLOYMENT:** 2005 – present: Sojourner Family Peace Center  
Community Education and Prevention Coordinator

- ❑ Coordinate/Supervise SFPC Presenters
- ❑ Educate/Train Professionals and Non-professionals on DV
- ❑ Educate various public audiences on domestic violence and abuse

2010 – present: Compel Them to Come

- ❑ Fatherhood Program Facilitator
- ❑ National Black Marriage Day - Facilitator
- ❑ Married Couples Coach

2007 – 2014: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee – Guest Lecturer  
Rites of Passage in Black Societies

2007 - 2009 Xavier University, New Orleans, LA  
Summer Institute of Black Catholic Studies

- ❑ Co-Instructor for the Rites of Passage

2007 – present: Sojourner Family Peace Center

- ❑ Facilitator – Beyond Abuse, Batterers Intervention Treatment Provider
- ❑ Facilitator – Battered Women’s Support Group
- ❑ Male Youth Offenders Group

2006 – 2009 Partners in Parenting: Family Rites of Passage Facilitator

2005 – 2008 Community Outreach Educator, Sojourner Truth House

- ❑ Raise awareness and provide education and training on Domestic Abuse and Violence and Intimate Partner Violence to the general public, professionals and non-professionals

2004 - present: Co-founder, Akoma Enterprises Inc. – Independent Multi-layered business

- 1997 - present: Facilitator of Aseotu Rites of Passage Institute Inc.
- ❑ Facilitate African Centered Adult Rites of Passage Process - Community Course
  - ❑ Facilitate youth rites of passage programs for personal growth and development for youth serving agencies and MPS Schools
  - ❑ UW-Milwaukee, U/G Rites of Passage in Black Societies – Guest Lecturer
  - ❑ Facilitate Rites of Passage component of Partners In Parenting (STH)

2001 - 2006 – Facilitator

- ❑ Diversity Exercise – Volunteer Training for Sojourner Truth House
- ❑ Volunteer Coordinators – Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinator Training Institute
- ❑ Sensitivity Training – Interagency Council on Volunteerism (IACV)
- ❑ Facilitate Peer to Peer Diversity group, YWCA of Greater Milwaukee
- ❑ Facilitator for School Board Presidents Circle of Greater Milwaukee – Future Milwaukee Leadership Development Program

1991 - 2003 Partner, First Impressions Printing Company

- ❑ Office Manager
- ❑ Inventory and purchase supplies
- ❑ Use Quick Books for financial record keeping
- ❑ Assist with editing and layout
- ❑ Help customers with business and/or social printing needs

1999 – 2001 SOS Center, Executive Director

- ❑ Administrative Duties
- ❑ Employ staff
- ❑ Recruit and supervise volunteers
- ❑ Manage adult and youth programs
- ❑ Organize Fundraising Campaigns
- ❑ Coordinate social and community events
- ❑ Newsletter layout and editing

1997 – 1999 SOS Center Administrative Assistant

- ❑ Assist directors with daily operations
- ❑ Program development
- ❑ Payroll processing
- ❑ Newsletter layout and editing
- ❑ Assist with fundraising campaigns
- ❑ Maintain data base of donors and contributions
- ❑ Mailings

1997 – 1999 Sojourner Truth House Overnight House Backup

- ❑ Staff domestic violence hotline
- ❑ Process intake of women

- Monitor house activities
- Filing
- Volunteer 1995 to 1997

1975 - 1995 PMIS Control Clerk, Wisconsin Electric Power Company

- Maintain employee record files
- Process management payroll
- Process auto mileage reimbursement

1972 – 1977 Sales Clerk, Sears Roebuck

- Sale retail merchandise

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING:**

Community Building Workshop Facilitator

Cognitive Group Intervention Program Phases 1 & 2

Certified Batters Intervention Treatment Provider

Certified Family Wellness Instructor

Professional Speaking

Fundraising

Effective Communication

Family Nurturing Facilitator

Leadership Development

MPD Citizen Academy

FBI Citizen Academy

Professional Administration

International Conference on Violence Abuse and Trauma

Men in Therapy Conference

**ACTIVITIES:**

MOSAIC – Diversity & Awareness Group

Co-host radio talk show; The Morning Magazine:

Tuesdays Breakfast Club – WMCS 1290AM

African Centered Adult Rites of Passage

Adult and Youth Rites of Passage Facilitator

Alverno College; Assessor

*Culturally Inclusive Community Leadership*; Executives Group - member

MC for Bestowing of the Kente Ceremony – Alverno College

American Red Cross; *First Aid Service Team*; Full Member

Greater Milwaukee Leadership Group

Lutheran Church *Missouri Synod*:

Metro Milwaukee Mission Cluster, Committee member

Lutheran Church *Missouri Synod*-Black Ministry Convocation;

Delegate

Campaign Office Manager – Dumas for Milwaukee County  
Executive  
Future Milwaukee; Spouses and Partners Orientation Facilitator  
**S**ervice, **E**mpowerment and **T**ransformation Ministry;  
Nurturing Class Co-Facilitator at Right Alternative in Parklawn  
Sojourner Truth House – Hotline and House Monitor Volunteer  
**U**nited **N**ations **I** **C**hildren’s **E** **F**und –Board of Directors:  
Chair; Day of the African Child Committee  
Mid-Towne Toastmasters International- member  
Future Milwaukee, Inc. – Board of Directors  
Milwaukee Inner City Arts Council, Inc. – Board of Directors:  
Chair; Annual Celebration of Community Arts Festival  
Hansberry Sands Theatre Company, Inc. – Board of Directors  
Dimmer Center – Junior Achievement Advisor  
Boy Scout Troup #250, Assistant

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**Application for: Upper School Community Outreach Coordinator**

My desire to work with youth has directed me to teach and facilitate youth programs. I was a Sunday School Teacher and Vacation Bible School Coordinator at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. At the SOS Center, my responsibilities included coordinating the After School Tutoring Program; developing study aides for various grade levels, recruiting and supervising college students as tutors. Coordinating a four-week summer program for neighborhood youth. Hiring, training and supervising youth workers for after school and summer work programs.

As a Rites of Passage Facilitator, I work with students to develop character through culture; which has included working in MPS. Most recently, I have been working in John Muir Middle School with the Gear Up Program. Outside of MPS, I work with various youth groups and organizations, such as Racine Youth Leadership Academy, Alpha Phi Alpha Beautillion and Duafé Girls Rites of Passage.

If you are interested in a highly motivated and results oriented individual who enjoys working with youth, I believe I could be an asset to your institution. I am available for a telephone interview or an in-person meeting at your convenience. You may reach me at: 414/342-1811 (Home) mornings or 414/357-0080 (Work) in the afternoons.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Debra A. Fields