



# PROJECT **A.W.A.R.E**

**>>** *A simple program for complex people*

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# »» OBJECTIVES...

- ▶ **Personal Testimony**
- ▶ **Inception of Project AWARE – Mission, Vision & Overview**
- ▶ **Project A.W.A.R.E available Services: can be delivered through all types of virtual platforms**
- ▶ **Trained technical assistance - for all types of virtual platforms**
- ▶ **Participant Impact & Outcomes**
- ▶ **Q & A**

# »» VISION STATEMENT

*Our vision is to create a place with a climate where young people can learn to communicate and contribute to the overall well being of their own lives and for those in the community in which they live.*

*terms”*

*“Living life on life's*

# MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY



# » MY STORY...

## Reginald Washington

*“How it all began”*

- ▶ Anger = Violence
- ▶ Disappointment = Substance Abuse
- ▶ Emotional Illiterate
- ▶ Gang Member = Lifer or Death
- ▶ Incarceration



# Gang Consultant

## CERTIFICATIONS

Certified by California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources (CAARR)

Certificate on Gang Intervention, 2012.  
Gangs: Latest Trends and Strategies

Certificate on Character and Leadership Development, 2011.  
Mental Health System, Inc.

Certificate on Risk Factor for Girls, 2010.  
San Diego County of Education.

Gang Prevention Summit, 2008.

Certificate on Substance Abuse Prevention, 2005.  
HOPE Through Recovery.

Certificate on Creative Conflict Resolution, 1999.  
Gordon Graham Pacific Institute.

## TESTIMONIALS

### **Zaki Zehawi Esq./Deputy Alternate Public Defender**

Reggie Washington is more than a gang expert witness. He is the Street Oracle of Truth. He gave humanity to society's most marginalized...and the jury agreed, acquitting 2 documented gang members of multiple counts of attempted murder with a firearm.

The jury was moved beyond words and held the utmost respect for Mr. Washington. He gave a future to 2 young men who were classified, dehumanized and demonized by the prosecution.

I am forever indebted to Mr. Washington.

### **Tracy D. Friedman /Attorney at Law**

I recently had the opportunity to work with Mr. Washington on a very serious case in which my client was facing several life sentences. I found Mr. Washington to be invaluable, not only in terms of refining my own understanding of his area of expertise, but also in terms of polishing and presenting the defense.

In my particular case, Mr. Washington's testimony enabled the jury to fully understand the lifestyle and circumstances that often surround people associated with or in a gang. Mr. Washington's voice was only one against the multiple police officers and gang detectives that testified against my client, but his voice was heard. His honesty and knowledge resonated in the courtroom. With Mr. Washington's expertise and assistance the jury returned "Not Guilty" verdicts on both Attempted Murders and "Not True" findings as to the Gang Allegations, for which my client had been charged.

# Probation Trainee Quotes

Great job! It's not easy to change the culture of our Department. This is a good start. This can help.

Great Instructor/Mentor. Great class, something may kids can benefit from and something that makes us better PO's and better people

This training has inspired me to continue to gain as much knowledge about the population we work with and build stronger relationships.

Good class. Good to get a different perspective.

Training provided a great opportunity to reflect on my own biases and how I interact with those I work with.

Mr. Washington was a phenomenal presenter/instructor. He brought an incredible perspective, per his life experiences, to the course

# **HIGH - RISK YOUTH** **IMPACT & OUTCOMES**

- ▶ **Increase Intrinsic Motivation and Participation**
- ▶ **Increase Positive Self-Esteem/Healthy Groups**
- ▶ **Increase Cognitive and Critical Thinking Skills**
- ▶ **Increase Social & Emotional Literacy Skills**
- ▶ **Increase Problem-Solving and Conflict Resolution Skills**
- ▶ **Increase Self-Analysis, Awareness & Reflection**



# **CREDENTIALS**

Certified Trainer - International Institute for Restorative Practice (IIRP)

Certified Trainer - Thinking for Change

Certified Trainer - Seeking Safety

Certified Trainer - Federal/State Gang Expert

Certified Trainer - Motivational Speaker

Lived Experience Expert

Founder Member of S.D. Credible Messenger/Community Member Movement

Certified in Mental Health First Aid USA

Certified HIV Educator

Co-Facilitator in the H.O.P.E. Recovery

Substance Abuse Counselor

Chairman of the C.R.O.P. Program

President of Inmate Peer Education Program

Facilitator for Hands of Peace/Friends Outside Creative Conflict Resolution Workshop

Community Activist

CAARR Institute Diploma





**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?**

**THANK YOU!**

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