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Walter Simpkins

Community Fathers Incorporated

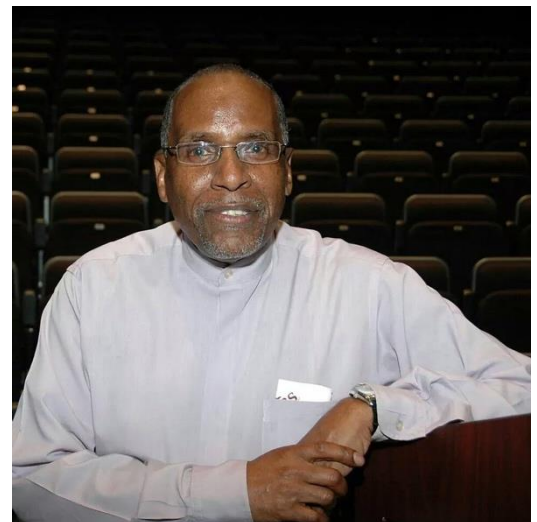
Walter Simpkins is the Executive Director of Community Fathers Incorporated. He holds a BA from the City College of New York and his credentials also include a Master's degree from the State University at Albany in Africana Studies.

Walter is a certified Fatherhood & Healthy Relationship practitioner, and holds certificates as a NYS Domestic Violence counselor for the Batterers Association, as well as a Bridges Out of Poverty facilitator.

He was awarded the Commission of Human Rights Individual Achievement Award and the New York State Assembly Citation for Community Contributions. Most recently, Walter became the recipient of the Community Hero Award presented by The Schenectady Foundation. Moreover, Community Fathers Inc. was also awarded the Dr. Sherry P. Ulmer Innovator & Affiliate of the Year Award by the Fathers & Families Coalition of America, Inc.; all of which are a testament to his commitment to his community.

Walter has touched many lives throughout the Capital Region. He has been instrumental in changing the way fathers are looked at and respected in family court. He has helped restore hope to the family dynamic in our area. From what began as a once per week support group, has now flourished into a full-service fathers program.

Walter is an inspiring individual, electrifying in speech and comforting in his presence. He is single handedly helping to restore families, "One Father At A Time."



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