

MRS. HAZELTON,
RECEIVED YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.
YOU SHOULD GET MORE
PROFILES. I DID THIS ONE
A FEW MONTHS AGO. WILL
HAVE THE JCI GENERAL
POPULATION GET THEIR
FAMILY TO SEND EMAILS
TO LEGISLATURES. THANK
YOU. GIVE ERIC MY
LOVE & RESPECT

Craig Muhammad (Walker)

WHO I AM TODAY

"Approximately thirty-three years ago, I committed a horrible crime that not only affected the victim but also affected the victim's family, friends and my community. Thirty-three years ago, I did not know that when a crime is committed the entire community suffers. I did not understand the shock waves of trauma that a victim, friends and family experience when someone they love is victimized by crime.... I stand before you today, not as the blind, ignorant, uncaring individual who walked through these prison doors thirty-three years ago, but I stand before you in total remorse and repentance for the harm I have done to individuals, my community and society."

The above statement of contrition was made by me seven years ago at a victim awareness seminar at the Jessup Correctional Institution on August 19, 2015. During 40 years of incarceration, I have developed approximately seven victim awareness seminars/crime symposiums in DPSCS facilities to give voice to victims of crime and to educate offenders on the impact of crime and violence.

I was raised in the Sandtown-Winchester area of West Baltimore. I attended Catholic school until the dire financial situation at home compelled my mother to enroll me in public school to begin the seventh grade. I began public school at Harlem Park Junior High (now August Fells Savage Academy of Visual Arts). The bullying I experienced at Harlem Park Junior High school was traumatic. I could not handle being teased about my homely clothes and shoes with holes in them. When the bullying became physical, I was not equipped to respond appropriately. So, I dropped out of school. Perhaps I would have responded more fittingly had a father been present in my life. However, my father left my mother when I was eighteen months old.

My mother did not realize that I had dropped out of school until it was too late. She was too busy working long hours as a single parent to provide for her children to notice the behavior that accompanies school absenteeism.

EXPERIENCE:

- Group Facilitation
- De-escalation and conflict resolution
- Trauma Informed
- Trauma Responsive
- Recovery Oriented
- Strong Ethical Boundaries
- Able to provide support to diverse populations
- Culturally Competent
- Strong professional written and verbal communication
- Models leadership
- Promotes advocacy

In addition, I was a *ghost student* at Harlem Park Junior High school and at Calverton Junior High school where I was transferred when school redistricting took place. I was passed from the seventh to ninth grade as a *ghost student*. My criminal activity did not start until I dropped out of school and climaxed as a substance abuser with a life sentence for an offense I committed at the age of 21. **THAT WAS THEN.**

THIS IS NOW and EDUCATION IS KEY. My confinement has been a testament of my deep-seated remorse as I equip myself with skills to make amends and help build healthy communities. In 1989 I earned a B.S. degree in Applied Psychology from Coppin University, a HBCU. During my incarceration, I have mentored hundreds of youth under the *Friend of a Friend* program. I am an experienced Special Education/Adult Basic Education/GED tutor. I sat on the steering committee that created the *University of Baltimore Second Chance College* program at the Jessup Correctional Institution. Today, I serve as a writing tutor for the program. I am also a facilitator for a legal writing program sponsored by the *Georgetown University Law Center*. I have used my skill set in education to help as many incarcerated persons as possible overcome illiteracy and obtain an advanced education.

From 1983-1991 I earned approximately 9,100 work hours as an apprentice Electrician. In 2022, I completed 500 experience hours, 25 supervision hours and 46 hours of training to become a Trained Peer Recovery Specialist. Certification testing is pending before the Maryland Addiction & Behavior-health Professionals Certification Board. I provide peer support, including trauma informed care, group and one-on-one services to over 50 incarcerated persons per week.

In 2014, I created Project Emancipation Now (PEN)—a gang emancipation, conflict resolution, mentoring and victim-community impact services organization. PEN has emancipated many men from gangs in the Maryland prison system and interrupted numerous potentially violent situations. PEN has zero percent recidivism of an emancipated gang member returning to the gang/criminal lifestyle. PEN keeps accurate records. Presently PEN is developing a blueprint for a ***PEN Center for Community Healing*** to provide wrap around services to youth in urban areas. It is my hope that one day I will be released to make that vision reality and use my skill set in my community.

EXPERIENCE:

- **Strong organizing skills**
- **Victim Awareness**
- **Crime/Violence impact aware**
- **Comprehends complexities of trauma**
- **Community informed**
- **Trauma equipped**
- **Gang Emancipation**
- **Violence Interruption**
- **Violence Intervention**
- **Violence Prevention**
- **Strong youth mentoring skills**
- **Strong facilitating skills**
- **Program development**

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- *Comprehension of A. C. & D. C. electricity*
- *Electrical house wiring*
- *Lighting installation*
- *Fluorescent light repair (i.e. ballast replacement, single/double pin socket replacement)*
- *Schematic reading*
- *A. C. motor repair (Bushing replacement, Armature repair, etc.)*
- *Service panel comprehension and troubleshooting (GFCI & AFCI Circuit Interrupters, Circuit Breakers, Fuses, etc.)*
- *AWG wire gauge informed*
- *Conduit bending & installation (EMT, IMC & FMC)*
- *Multi-phase circuit informed*
- *Multimeter comprehension and use*
- *Bonding and Grounding comprehension*
- *Troubleshooting*
- *Work Order informed*