



Mandrell E. Birks, M.Ed. Biography

Mandrell Birks was born in Washington D.C. He attended Banneker Senior High School, then earned his college degree from Benedict College in 1999, graduating with honors in Child & Family Development. Mr. Birks continued his education at George Mason University where he received with honors his Masters degree in Education, Curriculum Instruction, and a minor in Instructional Technology.

Mr. Birks is certified in the Duluth Curriculum for Domestic Abuse Intervention. He has facilitated groups for men who are perpetrators of domestic violence, conducted conflict resolution presentations to elementary schools in Prince Georges County, and has coordinated a Safe Visitation Program. Mr. Birks is also certified in Positive Behavior for children, and incorporating technology in the District of Columbia Public School system.

As the former Director of Community Outreach & Public Education for the Family Crisis Center of Prince Georges County, Mr. Birks has created annual forums entitled “Lets Talk About Domestic Violence”, an annual “Walk Against Domestic Violence”, and he has partnered with Jason Cooke, Director of a young adult organization, “Colours” that produced a domestic violence play that has traveled through Prince Georges County High Schools. Mr. Birks has made several presentations on radio stations within the metropolitan area, and CNN Headline News. For his work as an activist, he received the Governor’s Victim Assistance Award in 2006 from the Maryland Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

In May 2007 Jim Watkins, General Manager of WHUR, allowed Mr. Birks to create the first world wide domestic violence radio program “The Sighlent Storm,” on WHUR-WORLD, airing every Saturday at 10:00 am EST. The Sighlent Storm is under the direction of WHUR-WORLD’S Vicci Saunders. On the show, Mr. Birks is joined by his Co-Host Denise McCain, and the Executive Producer Renee Nash, both of whom are passionate individuals in the fight against domestic abuse. On June 13, 2008, Mr. Birks made his national debut at the Lincoln Theater in a domestic violence play “A Change is going to come”. On Oct. 25, 2008. Mr. Birks created and conducted his 1st Annual “Victory Concert” Claiming the Victory Against Domestic Violence at Reid Temple A.M.E. church in Glenn Dale, Md., starring Kirk Whalum. On December 1, 2012 The “Sighlent Storm” made its national debut on Sirius XM Channel 141 HUR Voices. The Sighlent Storm airs simultaneously on Sirius XM Channel 141 HUR Voices and WHURWORLD 96.3 FM HD-2 every Saturday at 10am EST. Pre-recorded shows re-air on Sirius XM HUR Voices every Tuesday at 7am EST, Thursday at 6am EST, Friday at 9am EST, and Sunday at 11pm EST.

In December 2012, Mr. Birks received a Proclamation from The Office of The State’s Attorney for Prince Georges County Maryland. Mr. Birks has made several presentations to educational institutions, religious organizations, corporate offices, and county representatives. Mr. Birks meets with Circuit Court judges, The Family Law Division, Commissioners Office, Sexual Assault Center, Sheriffs Department, and the States Attorneys office on a continuous basis to discuss the issue of domestic violence. If you are interested in a training or a workshop, please refer to the contact information below.

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