

Beatrice Smith, LCSW, CEAP, and Certified Biblical Counselor



Since the age of five, Beatrice has known that God has had a call on her life. She remembers seeing shadows from a dark hallway and then being overwhelmingly fearful. It was then that she heard an extremely quiet voice say "Don't worry, I am keeping you safe". The Holy Spirit has continued to be with her through a multitude of crazy situations, as He is with all that will allow.

Beatrice Smith was the wife of Deacon Herman Smith, natural mother of 2, foster mother of 3, stepmother to 6, grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of 10. Beatrice loved her husband of 27 years, who went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in 2014. She is committed to her family and their understanding of God's promise for them all. Her own mother's diligence and love for people impacted Beatrice's decision to put others first. She attends Christian Tabernacle Church, under Pastor Dr. James and Loretta Morman.

Beatrice has been a licensed clinical therapist for over 35 years and knows that Biblical Counseling brings about permanent change and takes people to the next level. She is Founder of GACCS (God Almighty Christian Community Services), a 501(C)3 which provides counseling, preventive education workshops, tutoring, mentoring and many other services to churches and the community at large. It is her relationship with Christ that has made it possible for her to grow from her failures and realize that her accomplishments belong to her Lord and Savior. Beatrice understands that we are in the midst of a war that has already been won and that it is vital that one not be distracted or discouraged by the sounds of battle.

Having received a Masters in Social Work in 1975, Beatrice Smith worked for the State of Michigan Children's Protective Services and Foster Care, specializing in adolescent placement for 10 years. Curious as to the circumstances of the parents of these children, she moved into the field of psychiatric social work in the inpatient state hospital setting. After several years in this field, she moved into behavioral managed care where she has worked as a Clinical Services Director in Community Mental Health and in the Commercial Sector of Behavioral Health for 3 major companies for the last 30 years.

Although she enjoyed her secular position before retirement in 2018, her true love is for Biblical Counseling and helping others to apply the counseling that the Word of God provides. Often when life seems more than most can bear, the Holy Spirit reminds her to "Fear not and stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show to you today." (Exodus 14:13) Because, after all is said and done, it is you *and the Holy Spirit exemplifying Jesus Christ within you.*

Work Experience

Beatrice is currently the Executive Director of GACCS (God Almighty Christian Community Services – www.gaccs.org), and Network Trainer for BLI (Balancing Life Issues) providing motivational interactive Employer Training to companies inclusive of EAP benefits. She is a seasoned Licensed Clinician and Certified Employee Assistance Professional, with experience in both Union and Non-Union environments.

Prior to retirement in 2018 as Senior Clinical Director for Beacon Health Options Great Lakes Service Center, Bea was responsible for both Mental Health/Substance Abuse and Medical/Behavioral Coordination to impact Medical Spending. Her experience also includes managing ValueOptions Health Performance Solutions (EAP); Vice President Public Sector Medical Management (assisting in the development and implementation of division standardized medical management and quality improvement initiatives for assigned Service Centers throughout the United States for Public Sector Division), and Management of audit for financial recovery project for psychiatric and substance abuse inpatient treatment.

She developed and launched call centers for both a 24 hour nurse triage line and an after hours psyche management call center (providing mental health assessments, in-patient admission authorizations, employee assistance services, critical incident stress debriefing for over 300 client companies covering 7.5 million lives). Twelve years Michigan Department of Mental Health (psychiatric social worker) and Michigan Department of Social Services (child protective services & foster care) experience.

Motivational Interactive Training Experience

Training and deck development experience for over 20 years for Client Companies includes but not limited to the following:

- Anger Management
- Childhood Stress and Phobia
- Communicating Effectively In The Workplace
- Creating A Healthy Team
- Critical Incidence Response
- Cultural Competency
- Domestic Violence
- Ethic and Professionalism
- Governmental Regulations & Standards

(cont.) Training Listing:

- Grief and Loss (Adults/Children)
- Leadership Training / Managing Change
- Menopause (Female/Male Menopause)
- Mental Health First Aid: A Primer
- Mental Health Issues in the Workplace
- Mobilizing and Managing Teams
- Policies & Procedures Review
- Substance Use
- Take Charge: Reduce Stress (Management)
- Time Management
- Workplace Safety
- Your Healthy Living & Success On The Job

EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS

M.S.W. 1975 B.A. 1973 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Specialty in Chemical Dependency 1975 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

State of Michigan Board of Social Work Master's Social Worker Clinical
and Macro License (LMSW #6801017674)

Certified Employee Assistance Professional (CEAP #023897)

Full Resume & References Available Upon Request