

# Morris Ervin Jr.

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## Objective

To inspire, touch and cause leadership in a variety of learning communities.

## Experience

**2016-Present**

Founder/Director Of Mansa Consulting- A Business specializing in the development of our youth. Mansa Consulting provides mentoring programs for youth in public and private settings. Mansa offers a comprehensive approach that nurtures and develops the social and emotional competencies of educators, administrators, principals, council members, executives, directors, managers, employees, etc. Mansa summer camps and enrichment programs use contemplative practices to help young people develop greater empathy, communication skills, improve focus/concentration, enhance creativity, and build the inner resilience to lead successful lives. Mansa Keynote Performances are crafted to present the core message of any university, business, or corporation with excitement to arouse solidarity, setting the stage for growth, innovation, and transformation.

### **Ambassador of Culture at Open Doors Academy**

**2015-2016**

Responsible for the training, coaching, and development of Assistant Coordinators and Campus Coordinators in meeting ODA standards. Serving as a lead educator, modeling interactive, hands-on learning with programming staff at all campuses. Develops and implements in-service trainings for all program staff. Coordinates information with the middle school team to ensure the internal growth and competency of the middle school programming staff.

### **Director of Education at Open Doors Academy**

**2011-2015**

Overall responsible for the implementation of high quality programming across multiple middle school campuses. Overall responsible for motivating, shaping, and influencing student's continuous social, emotional and behavioral development. Responsible for ensuring accountability of all staff roles and responsibilities, ensuring a high performing middle school programming team. Oversees, develops and implements in-service trainings for all program staff. Education Director

### **Audubon Middle school**

**2007-2008**

Established a rigorous, relevant, and meaningful curriculum for a new pilot all male classroom intervention program called *Boys Uplifted*. *Boys Uplifted* is a gang intervention/prevention program designed to keep boys away from gangs and out of prisons. Invented a new technique called the Social Scientist Academy, which empowered male students to connect their life experiences to the academic curriculum in a creative, personally relevant, and meaningful way. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade History teacher.

### **Euclid High**

**2002-2007**

Designed a new African American History curriculum that developed 21<sup>st</sup> Century collaborative, communication, and problem solving skills in 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Challenged the public school system by implementing a unique style of teaching and learning in the classroom called Non-Violent Communication

and used this method to create connection between the standards, the students, their families, and the overall community. 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade American/World History Teacher.

## Education

### Kent State University

1994-2000

Bachelors Degree in Comprehensive Social sciences 6-12

## Community Outreach/Awards

- Coordinated a premiere event showcasing the DVD of students learning the art of Non-Violent Communication and launched a series of practice groups to teach NVC to teachers, principals, parents and the overall community.
- Developed a business called Mansa Consulting, which focuses on the social emotional development of our youth. 2008-Present. [www.therealmansa.com](http://www.therealmansa.com)
- Co- facilitated The Mindfulness for Educators retreat at Omega Institute with Daniel Rechtschaffen.
- Keeping It Reel, Documentary Film, Euclid High School 2006-2007

"This documentary film highlights the work of Euclid High School teacher Morris Ervin and his students learning powerful, non-violent communication skills." EHS Principal Steve Hardaway.

- Teacher Recognition Award. John Hay high School Cleveland Municipal School District 2000-2001
- Employee of the Quarter. Oriana House Akron, OH 1999-2000.

"Morris is an excellent role model who induces self esteem and pride. He has an unique nature of working with difficult juveniles and maintains a positive attitude regardless of the circumstances." Senior Staff Coordinator Floyd Maxwell.

References available upon request