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Darren L. Washington, a native of Gary, Indiana earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois and a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University Northwest.

During his tenure as Executive Director of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, he worked with state, county, and local elected officials to create city and county commissions in the cities of Gary, Evansville, South Bend, Muncie, Anderson, Michigan City, Fort Wayne, and Lake County, Indiana. He also coordinated four state conferences, published three annual reports, and two publications focused on issues concerning the Black Family.

After three years with the commission, Washington made his move to corporate America by taking advantage of the opportunity to "come home" and make a difference in the community. In 2000, he returned to Gary, Indiana and joined AT&T Communications as the Director Of External Affairs.

In Darren's illustrious career, he has been honored with keys to the cities of Evansville and Muncie, Indiana.

In May of 2004, Darren was elected to the Gary Indiana Board of School Trustees, and became the youngest member to serve as School Board President. He was also appointed by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels and Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Suellen Reed, to serve as a member of the Indiana

Taking A RADICAL Stand

Darren Washington
CEO - Urban Community
Action Network

Education Roundtable. In 2007, Mr. Washington made an unsuccessful bid in a run for the Mayor of the city of Gary.

As a state certified HIV/AIDS prevention counselor, he founded **Abstinence For Singles** in 2006 where he speaks to thousands of youth and single adults on the issues of relationships and sexual abstinence. Mr. Washington has been the subject of television news stories, newspaper articles and has appeared in numerous magazines, such as **Being Single**, **The Spiritual Perspective**, **The Christian Single**, **Essence**, and **Jet** concerning his views on Sexual Abstinence and Family Values.

If you want to know what makes Darren unique, read what he has to say.

"I am convinced that the best option for singles is to live a lifestyle of sexual abstinence, specifically singles looking forward to marriage. Sex is a billion-dollar industry and it is having a negative effect in the way males view females, females view males and the way we view ourselves; thus, it is having a negative effect on our family structure.

"We have too many people getting "on-the-job training" when it comes to marriage and not investing in friendship instead of engaging in sexual activity before marriage. Waiting until marriage to have sex is the best way to help keep a clear mind when making critical assessments as to the worth of your partner as a future spouse.

"Until we get men and women working together for the sake of the family structure, we will continue to see a rise in teen pregnancy, single mothers, deadbeat dads, abortion, sexually transmitted diseases, broken hearts and the continuing battle of the sexes shifting the blame on each other instead of ourselves.

"As a society, we must understand we have been given the chance to take part in this journey called life, but how productive and prosperous the journey is depends on self. The perfect beginning in an imperfect world is building a better you, and the best way to start is for our single men and women of God to show unconditional love towards each other."

Darren is currently the Founder and Executive Director of **The Urban Community Action Network** which is responsible for providing abstinence education programming for schools, and a Healthy Marriage Initiative in communities of color. He has also recently authored his first book entitled "A Dummies Guide to Sexual Abstinence," which goes on sale in April. **On Saturday, April 19, The Urban Community Action Network will be hosting an all day event entitled, Why Should I Get Married?**

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