

WYDEE' A EMANUEL WILSON

Wydee'a Emanuel Wilson, the first black female Chief of Probation for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in Circuit 19 gives of her time and energy to causes that impact the lives of children in and out of the juvenile justice system. Mrs. Wilson is co-host of the "Pay It Forward" radio program on 104.5 WFLM the Flame. She is a member of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County; the Executive Roundtable of Indian River County; the Executive Roundtable for the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County and the Shared Services Network Executive Roundtable of Martin County. All organizations in the community aimed at improving the lives of children and their families. She serves as the chair of the Economic Sufficiency Network of the Roundtable of SLC. Mrs. Wilson is a key member of the Restoring the Village community aimed at combating gang violence in St. Lucie County. She attends the Circuit 19 Advisory Board Meetings, the Concerned Citizens meetings and many other meetings in and out of St. Lucie County.

Mrs. Wilson has been with the Department of Juvenile Justice for 17 years. Her DJJ career began in St. Lucie County as a juvenile probation officer. Her dedication and hard work laid the groundwork for promotional opportunities within the Department in Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties. She is the wife of the Rev. Jack B. Wilson, Sr. pastor of Evergreen First Missionary Baptist Church in Indiantown and mother of Jashaad, Bria, Jack Jr., Joshua and Brichelle. Mrs. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science Degree at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee in 1994. She majored in Broadcast Journalism and minored in Criminal Justice. Mrs. Wilson's passion steered her towards the criminal justice field. Although a gifted and talented speaker, she found working with children more rewarding. Mrs. Wilson taught high school at her Alma mater, South Fork, for a couple of years before finding her way to DJJ. She believes that God has strategically positioned her in the right position, at the right time, in the right place to see his will brought to fruition in the juvenile justice system.

Mrs. Wilson is a current resident of Indiantown in Martin County but lived in St. Lucie County for almost 10 years. She is the first born child of five to Charles and Lizzie Emanuel both of Indiantown.

Like the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Mrs. Wilson considers herself a "drum major for justice". She serves on numerous organizations in the community planning events for Dr. King day and black history month. Mrs. Wilson is the church clerk and reporter at Evergreen FMBC. She is the correspondence secretary for Congress# 5 of the So. Florida Progressive Baptist Association.

Wydee'a Emanuel Wilson has received numerous awards during her formational years in public school as well as on her job. She has been awarded the American Legion Award on several occasions. She has been named Employee of the Month over her many years with the Department. She also received Employee of the Year in 2004 for Circuit 19, plus Employee of

the Year for the South Region. The South Region consists of employees from Circuits 11, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20. Mrs. Wilson is certified in Instructor's Techniques Workshop and is a Certified Public Manager. She is also a Bridges Out of Poverty certified trainer.

Her Motto: "I believe all children are capable of success, no exceptions!"