



## Jimmie Simmons, III

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Profession

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor

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Jimmie Simmons, III was born in Orlando, Florida and at the age of two moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia where he spent the remainder of his childhood. He is recently married to Tabitha and has an elementary age son he affectionately calls “I.V.” He has four siblings and is blessed to see his parents have a 40 plus year (and counting) marriage. He has eleven nieces and nephews.

Growing up staying active in sports and activities was important to him as he played baseball for nine years and enjoyed Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Going to church also kept him busy as he enjoyed youth choir and YPWW (Young People Willing Workers) in the Church of God in Christ Christian denomination. In 2003, Jimmie graduated from Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Georgia and subsequently obtained a Bachelors of Art in Sociology and Masters of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling from Historically Black Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia in 2007 and 2009, respectively. Upon graduation, Jimmie has worked 11+ as a Rehabilitation Counselor in government and the public sector and currently works for Grady Memorial Hospital in the largest public mental health program in the state. These responsibilities include vocational services, advocacy with DeKalb and Fulton County public defender’s office, securing housing, and being on call for clients diagnosed with Bipolar, Schizophrenia, and Schizoaffective disorders along with substance abuse and personality disorders. He is certified in Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy and has the highest credentials in his field as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.

