

## **Alfred Vann**

Alfred Vann is the Senior Social Worker for Richmond Public Schools. As the supervisor for School Social Work Services for Richmond Public Schools, he is responsible for the oversight of service provision for all students in all of the districts schools and alternative programs. In his capacity, he and his staff assist students, families, and instructional professionals to identify and overcome barriers to achievement. His department is responsible for matters such as crises intervention, mental health services, resource referrals and attendance support.

One of his chief concerns is that African-American children, and other children of color, are not encouraged to think critically in ways that resolve conflicts. Although he feels a great connection to the youth and the matters that they face, he regards the youth of this generation as “gifted, but distracted.”

Over the last decade, Alfred has participated in workshops and panels for organizations such as the Black Child Development Institute, the Conference on Racial Equity in Education for the city of St. Louis, the National Association of Black Social Workers, and the Urban League of Chicago. His board memberships have included Women’s Support and Community Services of St. Louis and Goal Setting for Children.

Alfred is an alumnus of Morehouse College and the Washington University of St. Louis School of Social Work. He is currently completing a Master of Divinity at the Samuel DeWitt proctor School of Theology.