

# ROBERT CALDWELL

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## TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

A Columbus, Ohio native, Robert L. Caldwell, Jr. has been a practitioner and thought leader on the issue of urban poverty for more than twenty-five years. He is the founder or co-founder of several different social and human service initiatives including; The Faith Based Partnership Initiative, an innovative community development effort focused on seeking holistic solutions to the problems faced by under-served urban communities and the P.A.S. Program (Positive Alternative to Suspension), in cooperation with the Columbus Public Schools, to provide academic remediation and social service intervention for students serving out of school suspension. This program won a merit award from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce in 1995. In 1991 he helped develop the R.O.W.T.E.A.M.S. Program (Residents off Welfare Teaching Educating Achieving Motivating Success), which became the signature program for TEACH, and in 1997 won the Governor's Award (Voinovich) for Excellence in Public Service in the State of Ohio. Robert also served as the Managing Director of the YWCA Family Center, Franklin County's (Ohio) only emergency homeless family shelter offering an array of support to homeless families. During his tenure, the shelter served over 1500 families and received national recognition from the National Alliance to End Homelessness.



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