

Ayonna Johnson

DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL SERVICES



PROFESSIONAL BIO

Ayonna Johnson has been providing advocacy to survivors of abuse and trauma since she joined the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence staff in 2000. Ayonna obtained Master of Science degrees in Clinical Psychology and Community Counseling from Mercer University and completed the mediation program at the University of Washington School of Law, which led to certification as a mediator. Ayonna is currently a doctoral student pursuing an advanced degree in clinical psychology with a concentration in forensics.

Ayonna facilitates legal resources for survivors of DV in her work at the Women's Resource Center. A licensed psychotherapist, she specializes in issues concerning domestic violence and abuse dynamics, stalking, and complexities associated with PTSD in individuals seeking justice from the legal system. In addition to providing expert witness testimony in family violence cases, she has facilitated programs addressing the effects of long-term abuse for incarcerated and institutionalized populations, and has administered assessments for those awaiting trial. In addition, she has worked with the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) to produce training materials for providers serving the older adult population.

A nationally recognized domestic violence expert. Ayonna has been a guest lecturer at Emory, Mercer, and Georgia State Universities. She has facilitated judicial trainings on domestic abuse and vicarious trauma for a number of agencies including the Ohio Supreme Court, the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, the National Council on Research for Women, and DeKalb County State and Superior Court. She has appeared on a variety of radio and television programs including CNN, Headline News' In Session, Nancy Grace, Reverend Al Sharpton's Real Talk Radio Show, the Tom Joyner Morning Show, and the Derrick Boazman Radio Show. She has authored articles on related topics for a number of publications, including The New York Times. Ayonna and her work with DV survivors were featured prominently in the documentary A Path Appears, which aired on PBS.

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