



## **Marcus Menti, csw**

Boys' Campus Therapist

# Meet Marcus Menti, CSW— West Ridge Academy Boys' Campus Therapist.

Marcus has always been deeply committed to helping others, especially helping to give voice to and/or empower children who come from similar socioeconomic conditions in which children often become the primary income-earners by begging on the streets, finding items to sell from rubbish dumps or working in the fields. A child may be sent to family members or non-related adults, to work as domestic servants. Adults may treat children kindly or abuse them, in which case children often have little prospect of help or recourse. Marcus entered this line of work to help create conditions necessary for children, especially those from self-empowerment-constricting socioeconomic backgrounds to exercise self-determination.

Marcus first joined the West Ridge Academy family as an intern with the enviable opportunity of working with both Rachel Noble (Director of Outpatient Services) and John Ogden (primary therapist) who provided supportive and skilled supervision and directed Marcus to deepen his capacity to develop a professional self, including an ability to recognize, understand, and utilize his feelings and insights on behalf of his clients. Upon completion of his internship, Marcus was hired as a therapist in June of 2015. Before that, Marcus worked at Copper Hills Youth Center for about 14 years as a Mental Health Associate and as Shift Manager.

Marcus received his Bachelor of Science in psychology at Utah State University and a Masters in social work at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Pennsylvania. Marcus was accepted into the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology program at the University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

Marcus was born in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, immigrated to the United States in 1998. Marcus is a lieutenant in the United States Army and has been servicing for the last 9 years. Marcus is married with 4 children.