

Sirrilla D. Blackmon is Deputy Director at the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction. Her primary areas of program oversight are Child Youth and Family Services, Substance Abuse Prevention, Health Disparities and Cultural Linguistic Competencies. Sirrilla joined the division in 2011 where she was the State Opioid Treatment Authority for four years. She then transitioned to Child Youth and Family Programs and has been a strong advocate for system collaboration with other child serving agencies and local communities. Sirrilla is the Indiana representative for the national Mental Health Child Youth and Family Division and the Indiana representative for the National Prevention Network.

Sirrilla knows the foundation in becoming a good leader is demonstrating the ability to listen. As agents of change our best work comes from listening to the voices of the individuals, we serve to have the best desired outcomes. Sirrilla embraces the concept of “Human Potential” and the capacity for humans to improve themselves through studying, training, and practice, to reach the limit of their ability to develop aptitudes and skills. Sirrilla believes investing in this concept will lead to opportunities to instill hope and implement change for our most vulnerable.

Sirrilla has a Master of Social Work from Indiana University and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor. Sirrilla has professional experience in regulatory affairs, quality assurance and school and community base mental health services. Sirrilla worked as a Certified Consumer Service Reviewer in providing consultation to other states Mental Health and Substance Abuse Departments for a span of six years.

Sirrilla is an ACEs Master Trainer, trained in Child Psychological Maltreatment and serves as a Field Instructor for Indiana University School of Social Work Graduate Program. She co-chaired the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force under the Indiana Commission on Improving the Status of Children for four years and is actively involved in other committees under the commission.