



**Robert L. Caldwell, Jr**

**Primary Professional Focus:**

Urban community transformation through advocacy for research based and culturally informed public policy and the development of asset oriented social and human service programs and services

- More than 30 years of social service and community development experience
- Award winning developer of social service programs
- Advocacy efforts resulting in over \$200 million dollars in community development investment
- Oversight of operating budgets in excess of 10 million dollars
- Developed programs and services that have served over 5000 families

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**Brief Biography**

A Columbus, Ohio native, Robert Caldwell 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 programs including the R.O.W.T.E.A.M.S. Program (Residents off Welfare Teaching Educating Achieving Motivating Success), which 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.

**[In 2016 Robert received a Distinguished Service Award from The Ohio State University for his work in the Weinland Park Community.](#)**

**Education**

B. A. from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in Corporate and Organizational Communication with emphasis in English and Organizational Psychology. This degree also included coursework at The Ohio State University in Politics and American Culture. (1982)

Graduate studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio in Religious Education, Family Counseling and Pastoral Counseling (1989/90)

Graduate studies at The University of Dayton (at Capital University) in Counseling, Group Therapy and Ethnics in Professional Helping (1991/92)

Graduate and Fellow of the Ray Miller Institute for Change & Leadership at The Ohio State University African & African American Studies Extension Center in Columbus, Ohio (2006)