

**SERGEANT MAJOR LELA M. BOYKIN, LSW  
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Ms. Boykin received a Bachelor of Science Degree in psychology from The Ohio State University and a Master's Degree in education from Antioch College. She has been a licensed social worker since 1991 with more than 40 years' experience as a social service professional in the nonprofit industry.

Sergeant Major Boykin served as a reservist from 1973 to 1993 when she retired.

During her career in the USAR, she held several positions: social worker in Army hospitals At Fort Knox, KY and Fort Sam Houston, TX; an instructor with the 2078 USAR School with the 83<sup>rd</sup> Army command in Columbus, Ohio; at Fort Chaffee, AR; fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX; and Fort McCoy, WI; an administrator as Master Sergeant and retired as Sergeant Major with the 83<sup>rd</sup> ARCOM.

Sergeant Major Boykin is the recipient of several awards that include the Army Commendation Medal – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious service and the Army Achievement Medal for outstanding performance.

She retired from The Neighborhood House, Inc. on August 31, 2008 and again on January 31, 2017. At the time of her first retirement, she was the Director of the Neighborhood House, Inc. Resource Center and Business Manager of the Center's Business Incubator. She returned to the Neighborhood House, Inc. in 2013 at the request of the Board of Directors and briefly served as Interim Executive Director from October 2016 through January 30, 2017.

She started L Boykin Consulting LLC in January 2003. Ms. Boykin consults in the areas of: social services programming, small organizational development, grant writing, business plan writing, basic business start-up concepts development, starting and running a nonprofit organization,(501 (c)(3) application process and board training for start-up nonprofits.

Ms. Boykin is an experienced speaker and has presented workshops to various groups and community organizations.

Her volunteer service includes membership on: Revival Development Corporation at Trinity Baptist Church 2002 to 2005, Impact CDC at Worship Center of Central Ohio 2014 to 2016, the Near East Area Commission 2014 to present, instructor for United Way Neighborhood Leadership Academy 2013 to 2017;NAACP Executive Committee and Health Committee Chair November 2015 to present; membership on the Lincoln Theatre Association Board (2009 - present).

Her clients represent a diverse group of individuals and organizations. Ms. Boykin strives to work with individuals and organizations whose values are compatible with hers – service to those in need!

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**EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS SUMMARY**

- **Director**
- **Manager and supervisor**
- **Employment, individual and family assessment and counseling**
- **Micro Enterprise Business Education Instructor**
- **Workshop facilitator and presenter**
- **Grant Writer**
- **Program planner and evaluator**
- **Organizational Consultant - board governance, by-laws, nonprofit establishment**
- **Business Incubator Manager**

**MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Retired/Consultant for small organizations – 8/31/08 to present**

- Grant writing and grant writing instruction
- Strategic planning
- Program planning and design
- Micro enterprise business education instruction
- Individual business plan writing
- 501( c)(3) applications for new non-profit organizations
- Board training and development

**Director of Community Relations – 4/2014 to 2017**

Act as public image in the community for Neighborhood House

Communicate strategies, establish policy guidelines, effectively build public relationships

Introduce newly identified resources that maximize internal and external communications

Promote public involvement with established business goals.

Interpret and strategically address public concerns

Prepare materials, research and perform other duties in support of potential employers' marketing efforts

**Chief Operations Officer – 5/2013 to 4/2014**

- ▲ Assist President/CEO in overall agency planning, program implementation and marketing
- ▲ Supervise agency program managers
- ▲ Direct, manage program growth and development
- ▲ Provide leadership to and guidance for program managers
- ▲ Grant writing

- recruit, screen and recommend persons for hire

## **EDUCATION**

### **The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio**

- Bachelor of Science Degree, Psychology, 1968

### **Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio**

- Master of Arts, Education, 1974

### **US Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas**

- Graduate, 1995

### **Capital University Graduate School of Administration, Columbus, Ohio**

- Community Relations Commission, 1995 - 2002
- Community Relations Commission Professional Development Training  
Mediation Training on Workplace Disputes Certificate (32 hours), 1998

### **National Conference of Minority Professionals in Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2002**

### **Subway University, Milford, Connecticut**

- Graduate in Subway Management, 2005

### **License/Certification**

- Licensed Social Worker, State of Ohio, 1991 to present
- Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant, 2002 to 2013

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **Columbus City Schools/Facilities Task Force 2018**

### **United Way of Central Ohio trainer/ Neighborhood Leadership Academy 2013 - 2017**

### **Woodland Park Neighborhood Association, Vice President, 2013 to 2017**

### **Woodland Park Neighborhood Association Member, 2000 to 2017**

### **United Way Best Practices Conference Planning Committee, 2010 to 2013**

### **Whitney Young Collaborative CDC, 2009 to 2013**

### **Lincoln Theater Association Board, April 2009 to Present**

- Finance Committee
- Marketing Committee

### **Community Intervention Team (CIT), Columbus Division of Police**

- Community Representative, July 2008 to 2009

### **Granville T. Woods Community School Charter School**

- Board Member 10/2008 to 6/2010
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### **Revival Development Corporation, 2005 to 2013**

- Chair, 2006 to 2013