



**Marcel Reid** began her involvement in grassroots and community organizations at a very young age. At age 16 she was elected President of the Youth Advisory Committee for Compton, California. She studied under Ron Karenga (founder of Kwanzaa) at California State University, Long Beach State where she acquired her B. S. degree in Sociology.

Marcel later became a Legal Advocate for Southeast Legal Aid where she was the liaison for 17 cities in South East Los Angeles Counties, and established two satellite offices in Norwalk and Bell Gardens, California. After marrying [Military] Marcel moved to the east coast and became a Federal Monitor for CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Authority) where she was responsible for 56 job sites and 450 participants in Cape May County, NJ. Marcel also worked as Substitute Teacher and employment officer in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

After attending the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Marcel transferred to Washington D.C. where she worked in marketing for Holiday Inn Corporation, Premier Proprieties. In which, she Directed the tele-marketing, tele-sales and direct marketing for Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Hotel. She continued in Marketing and with CTN (Cartridge Technology Network) as the Director of National Corporate Relations. She continues in marketing working for a large multinational.

A Member in good standing and former Secretary for both the Compton and I Council of Negro Woman; Marcel is currently Chair of DC ACORN which serves both Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia.