**Bio**

**Raymond Crowel, Psy.D., Director**

Dr. Raymond Crowel is a Clinical Psychologist with more than 30 years of experience in Human Services. He is currently the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

For the past ten years Dr. Crowel served as the Chief of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services for Montgomery County. As Chief, he was responsible for the development and management of mental health, substance abuse, trauma, crisis and victim services. In addition, Dr. Crowel maintains a small private practice in Silver Spring working with individuals, couples, and groups on relationship issues, wellness, and work-life integration.

Before coming to Montgomery County Raymond served as Vice President for Training and Technical Assistance at ICF International; Vice President for Mental Health Services for the National Mental Health Association (NMHA); and Director of Child and Adolescent Services for Baltimore Mental Health Systems. He has held faculty positions at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities.

Across his career, Dr. Crowel has worked as a senior manager, a therapist, a program developer, and consultant to State and local governments, as well as private organizations. His experience includes working on Federal policy for Mental Health parity, violence prevention, and children’s mental health.

Dr. Crowel has written and published on behavioral health and healthy development for African Americans, on building supportive housing for the chronically mentally ill --- and, completely by being in the wrong place at the wrong time he became an annual guest on local radio stations, such as NPR, between Thanksgiving and March, discussing Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Dr. Crowel completed his doctorate at Rutgers University, and his undergraduate degree in psychology in his home state at the University of Michigan. In his six minutes of spare time each week he does photography, studies martial arts and listens to random TED talks.