



ABWA GOLDEN ROYALTIES CHAPTER - Kansas City, KS WILL HAVE A DYNAMIC GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR NEXT MEETING. JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR **FREE.**

May 13, 2021-6:30 PM CST

**28th Annual Chapter Anniversary Celebration
& MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**
“Recognizing and Dealing With Depression”



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Desarie Holmes, PhD.



Dr. Desarie L. Holmes, PhD is the former Clinical Director of Behavioral Health Services at Touchette Regional Hospital in Centreville, Illinois where she oversaw outpatient and inpatient psychiatric services for adults and adolescents 12-17 years old. Currently she is the COO and co-founder of MayDai Trauma Focused Clinical Research and Network Center with her business partner Kory May. Dr. Holmes completed her Bachelor of Art Degree in psychology as well as a certificate in African American Studies from Saint Louis University in 1999. She furthered her education with a Master of Research M.S. (R) in 2006 and received her Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology from Saint Louis University in 2009.

Over the past 20 years she has worked and advocated for young people in many urban cities across the United States including: East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Newark New Jersey; and Rochester, New York. Throughout her academic and professional career, she has been active in the area of evidence based practice and research, whereby Dr. Holmes completed a pro-social-emotional intervention pilot study at the Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy in Rochester, New York. Dr. Holmes is cited in journal publications in the areas of IPV (Intimate Partner Violence) and religiosity and prayer among African American Children. She provides community support by dispelling the stigma of mental health thru her television show “What’s On Your Mind with Dr. Dez” on SMILES TV.

Dr. Holmes received specialized training in adolescent health. She previously served in the department of psychiatry, out-patient services, and adolescent medicine at the Golisano Children’s Hospital in Rochester New York. Dr. Holmes remains committed and dedicated to providing quality mental health care and community service to underserved populations particularly among African American and Latino American adolescents. Helping young adults is one of her passions.

Her life mantra is “If I can help somebody as I travel along, then my living shall not be in vain!”



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