

Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center



Lawrence Gipson

Mr. Lawrence Gipson has been at the Santee Wateree Community Mental Health Center (SWCMHC) for the past 11 years serving initially as a school-based counselor and later promoted to the position of Mental Health Chief Counselor where he serves as the local Child, Adolescent & Family Services Coordinator (CAF) for the rural area of Clarendon County. He has played an integral part in the expansion of school mental health services from one to all three school districts in the county with outstanding accolades. He has led and inspired his team to consistently exceed productivity requirements as well as Quality Assurance (QA) and compliance standards.

He has proven to be not only a top-notch supervisor but a counselor who genuinely cares about his young patients. He is revered by the children in the community and well-respected by his colleagues. His supervisor appreciates his solution-focused approach and considers him to be reliable, cooperative, efficient and creative in inspiring a high level of morale among his team of equally outstanding therapists who have also been named as nominees for several DMH and Center recognition awards. He always looks out for the safety of others.

Mr. Gipson has embodied a life of service and inspiration that began long before his second career with DMH. He is a retired veteran and a Victim Service Provider for the YWCA; he facilitates classes as a Batters Intervention Specialist and a mentor for the Boys to Manhood program.