

Marcus Allen

Chief Executive Officer

ACHIEVEability

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Marcus Allen was appointed Chief Executive Officer at ACHIEVEability in September 2009. As CEO, he provides innovative and strategic leadership focused on expanding ACHIEVEability's *Family Self-Sufficiency Program*, *Community Engagement* initiatives, and *Community Revitalization* opportunities. Additionally, he will oversee expansion on ACHIEVEability's operations to include Real Estate development, creation of workforce development projects and development of Children and Youth programs designed to decrease truancy and improve academic performance of Philadelphia's most underserved youth.

Prior to his appointment at ACHIEVEability, Mr. Allen worked at VisionQuest, a for-profit national youth services agency. During his tenure, he received numerous promotions as the agency's senior leadership recognized the passion and commitment he displayed while working with stakeholders from the Philadelphia community.

Mr. Allen served as the Chief Operating Officer for VisionQuest. In this capacity, he served as a visionary leader, implementing several ground-breaking programs to help kids within his geographical region of responsibility (Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware). Simultaneously, he served as Vice President of VisionQuest's nonprofit subsidiary since 2007. In this role, he managed strategic development for new business opportunities and partnerships within Philadelphia and across the country.

Mr. Allen's hands-on management approach, his intrinsic understanding of business initiatives and his in-depth understanding of social services and community development has helped him to gain the respect of community leaders and many business leaders around the country. Over the past 10 years, he has received countless invitations to speaking engagements for networking events, community service initiatives, and youth empowerment programs. Mr. Allen attended Paine College where he majored in Math & Computer Science/Pre-Engineering. He later earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and an MBA in Technology Management. Mr. Allen has worked on process improvements and quality service initiatives that have added consumer value, operational efficiencies, and significantly contributed to the financial health and stability of business. With a strong belief in balancing work, family, and community, Marcus has a robust history of community service and accountability to the global environment.

In addition, Mr. Allen served in the National Guard for 5 years; founded the Marcus Allen Basketball Camp (which provided positive interaction and structured recreation for at-risk youth in his hometown); founded the *Dog-Gone Foundation* to help raise money for his alma mater High School; serves as an active board member of the YMCA; and donates his time to *Native Vision*, mentoring young Native Americans across the country.

About ACHIEVEability: ACHIEVEability is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization working to permanently break the cycle of poverty for homeless, single parent, low-income families, through education, supportive services, community and economic development, housing, and accountability.

