

Kirk D. Myers – Brief Biographical Sketch

Kirk D. Myers is the founder and President/CEO of **Abounding Prosperity, Inc.** The agency's mission is *to address health, social and economic disparities among Black men including gay, bisexual and Transgender male-to-female individuals and their families living in Dallas County, Texas.* In fulfilling this mission, Mr. Myers has drawn upon his extensive networks among Black men's organizations such as his leadership in the **Texas Black Gay Network** where he was a founding member for the Dallas Chapter as well as the **State of Texas Community Planning Group (CPG)** where he has served in many positions including Chair, Interventions Committee. He is also a member the **City of Dallas LGBT Task Force.**

A tireless advocate for Black men, Myers' activism and community mobilization efforts have focused attention on the issues of equity and service pertaining to eradicating the disproportionate impacts of HIV/AIDS in Black communities, in particular. His advocacy and community mobilization efforts have also served to assist Black men in their transitions from prison back into society, especially those previously incarcerated in need of housing. Additionally, Black men recovering from substance abuse are also a topic of serious concern.

In all of these efforts, Myers has been involved in both the public and private sector to influence policies affecting Black men especially access to the scientifically advanced, biomedical interventions and research on behalf of Blacks living in the South. He has conducted trainings, provided capacity building assistance, and facilitated workshops towards the dissemination of information meant to inform Black men of their human right to healthy lives and general well-being. The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** has called on Myers to provide expertise on health issues pertaining to Black Men who have sex with Men (*MSM*) and young, *MSM*.

Prior to founding **Abounding Prosperity**, Myers worked as a Program Director, Manager and Outreach Specialist at several AIDS Service Organizations (*ASO's*) in Dallas, preparing himself for his leadership role of today. He also worked in the corporate sphere for a time as a professional consultant, traveling abroad to offer training to international audiences. In addition, he has served on various nonprofit boards, holding various roles and positions. For the past several years, Myers has worked as the Business Advisor for **Dallas Southern Pride**, *Dallas' Official Black Gay Pride Event.*

Myers holds a Masters in Public Health and, currently resides in DeSoto, Texas.