

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Marcia Sturdivant

PERSON

Sturdivant, Marcia M., 1956-

**Alternative Names:** Marcia Sturdivant;

**Life Dates:** March 24, 1956-

**Place of Birth:** Homestead, Pennsylvania, USA

**Residence:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Work:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Occupations:** Educator; Nonprofit Chief Executive

## Biographical Note

Educator and nonprofit chief executive Marcia M. Sturdivant was born in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. She received her B.A. degree in psychology and behavioral sciences from Point Park University in 1978 and her M.A. degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit in 1980. She later earned her Ph.D. degree in educational and developmental psychology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1996.

From 1987 to 1990, Sturdivant served as director of early education programs at the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh. From 1990 to 1998, she worked in a number of positions at the Allegheny County Department of Human Services in the Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF), the second largest child welfare agency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In 1998, she was appointed deputy director of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services and administrator of the OCYF. Sturdivant was then named president and chief executive officer of the Negro Educational Emergency Drive (NEED) in 2013. She has also served as an assistant professor at Point Park University and an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Sturdivant is a past president of the Pittsburgh affiliate of the National Black Child Development Institute. She directs the Children's Church and Children's Choir at Nazarene Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, and has served as a board member of the American Association of Family Group Decision Making.

Sturdivant's honors include the Three Rivers Youth Nellie Award for Community Leadership; the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's Whitney M. Young Jr. Service

Award and Ron Brown Civic Award; The YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh Racial Justice Award; and the National Association of Black Administrators in Child Welfare Valerie Bullard Award. She has been cited by Pittsburgh Magazine as one of “Forty Local, Gifted and Black African American Leaders,” and was recognized by the New Pittsburgh Courier as one of their 50 Women of Excellence in 2012. Sturdivant has also served as a repeat participant and research panelist of the Oxford University Educational Roundtable in Oxford, England. She is married to Larry Anderson, Sr. and is the mother of two sons, Larry, Jr. and Marshall.

Marcia Sturdivant was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on June 8, 2014.

## Related Entries

**Homeville Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Homeville Junior High** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**West Mifflin Area High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Diploma**

**Point Park University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.A. - Psychology**

**University of Detroit Mercy** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Masters**

**University of Pittsburgh** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Ph.D.**

**Sturdivant Educational Consulting** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Founder**

**Point Park College** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1975 to 1978]

**Peer Counselor / Tutor**

**Allegheny County Office of Children and Youth Services** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1990 to 1997]

**Regional Office Director - Central District**

**Lemington Home for the Aged** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1990 to 1995]

**Trainer**

**University of Pittsburgh** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1993 to 1999]

**Field Instructor**

**Rankin Christian Center** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1994 to 1995]

**Trainer**

**Duquesne University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1995 to 1999]

**Adjunct Professor**

**Community College of Allegheny County** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1996 to 2003]

**Part-time Faculty**

**Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Family Services** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1997 to 1998]

**Administrator**

**Point Park College** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1997 to ?]

**Assistant Professor**

**Allegheny County Department of Human Services** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1998 to 2013]

**Deputy Director**

**University of Pittsburgh** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1999 to ?]

**Adjunct Faculty**

**Carlow College** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1999 to 2004]

**Adjunct Professor**

**NEED (Negro Educational Emergency Drive)** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 2013 to ?]

**President and CEO**

**Allegheny County Juvenile Court** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1982 to 1982]

**Staff Representative, Pittsburgh Foundation Allocation Committee**

**Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc.** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1990 to 1995]

**National Women of Achievement - Pittsburgh Chapter** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1990 to 1994]

**Pittsburgh Homeless Youth & Drug & Alcohol Task Force** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1991 to 1995]

**Secretary**

**Mayor's Commission of Families** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1991 to 1992]

**Hill District Task Force**

**Western Pennsylvania Drug & Alcohol Red Ribbon Campaign** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1992 to 2000]

**Steering Committee Member**

**United Way of Allegheny County** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1992 to 1997]

**Allocation Review Committee Member - Counseling Programs**

**National Black Child Development Institute - Pittsburgh Affiliate** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1994 to 1998]

**Vice President**

**American Association of Black Psychologists** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1995 to 2000]

**Earl Learning Institute** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1996 to 1997]

**Board Member**

**Center for Family Excellence, Inc.** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1996 to 1997]

**Board Member**

**Urban League of Pittsburgh** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1998 to 2005]

**Board Member**

**Black Administrators in Child Welfare** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1998 to ?]

**NAACP - Pittsburgh Chapter** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1998 to ?]

**National Black Child Development Institute - Pittsburgh Affiliate** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1998 to ?]

**President**

**Pennsylvania Joint State Government Commission** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1999 to 2001]

**Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption Network** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1999 to 2002]

**Advisory Committee Member**

**Children's Cabinet Department of Human Services** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2000 to 2013]

**Executive Committee Member**

**Iota Phi Lambda Sorority** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2000 to 2002]

**President**

**American Association of Family Group Decision Making** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2001 to 2003]

**Board Member**

**Female Offender's Program** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2001 to 2003]

**Board Member**

**Christian Life Skills, Inc.** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2002 to 2004]

**Board Member**

**Point Park University** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2004 to 2007]

**Alumnae Board of Directors**

**Pennsylvania Family Group Decision Making Leadership Team** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2012 to ?]

**Urban League of Pittsburgh** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2012 to ?]

**Member, African American Academic Achievement Trust Leadership Advisory Committee; Chair, Parent Engagement Committee**

**American Professional Association on the Abuse of Children** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2012 to ?]

**Administration of Pennsylvania Courts** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2012 to ?]

**Court and Child Welfare Committee**

**University of Pittsburgh Medical Center** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2012 to ?]

**Community Advisory Committee**

**National Association of Black Social Workers** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2012 to ?]

