

## CARRIE DAVIS MARCHANT

Carrie Davis Marchant began her career in 1995 after receiving her undergraduate degree in pre-law paralegal studies from Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia. Deciding to forego law school, she entered the corrections field as an adult probation officer and training coordinator where she witnessed an extraordinary need for character education.

After assisting with the Sullivan County, Tennessee, CHARACTER COUNTS! initiative, Marchant was hired by the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency in 1998 to direct its regional CC! program while also assisting with its statewide CC! initiative. During her eight years at the agency, she directed the Youth Service's Division, managing an array of juvenile services and a juvenile probation program. She also worked with the adult probation program as director of program development and later served as director of community relations and marketing.

In 2000, she was selected as a national faculty member for the National CC! Coalition. Marchant's experience with curricula design, facilitation, training, and hands-on work with youth led her to author the successful Moral Kombat (MK) intervention program for at-risk youth and their families that has demonstrated an 80 percent average success rate. MK was featured by the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice as one of the nation's best practices for at-risk youth at the 2005 National Juvenile Justice Conference.

Marchant is often the featured speaker at conferences, trainings, and events across the nation and has won numerous awards, including the 2005 Child Advocate of the Year by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. In 2006, she received her Master of Arts degree from East Tennessee State University in criminology and criminal justice. She is currently president of her company, Foundations for Life Principles, LLC, where she and her staff offer the MK program nationwide, provide service and support for CC!, and provide an array of adult trainings and consultations.