

Amy L. Williams

A 24-year youth ministry veteran, **AMY L. WILLIAMS** follows her passion to minister to teens involved in gangs, youth on probation/parole and those lost in the criminal justice system – at the core of which life-on-life mentoring is her key strategy. As a certified Gang Intervention Specialist, she heard God’s



call to move into a Latino gang neighborhood in Chicago’s Humboldt Park community to be a “Hope Dealer” doing street outreach and walking life with young people on her block. Amy has pursued her calling as a Youth Pastor, Reentry Coordinator for paroled youth, Youth Mentor and Advocate. She has been involved in youth ministry at the local church level, with Urban Young Life and as the former co-founder of Community IMPACT and the Christian Basketball Academy. She has been published in various magazines and projects including Crossway Publishing’s Urban Devotional Bible and is currently working on her first book.

Amy is also very passionate and deeply engaged in "Ending Mass Incarceration" and "Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline" national movements. She is an advisory board member of the National Institute for Juvenile Justice Ministries (IJJM) and a steering committee member for the CCDA Mass Incarceration Task Force. She is currently organizing and leading the North Park Seminary Juvenile Justice Co-hort for leaders working with youth in the criminal justice system. She currently serves as an Advisory Board Member for the North Park University Center for

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Youth Ministries Studies (CYMS). She teaches and trains churches and ministries (and youth) across the country about these issues and challenges churches to engage in their responsibility to the prisoner and returning citizen.

Amy has been blessed to present her Ted Talk, appear as a guest on the O’Reilly Factor and chosen as Huck’s Hero on TBN’s Mike Huckabee Show. Amy is a national trainer and is blessed to speak and train for many national ministries including: Urban Youth Workers Institute trainer, a national CCDA (Christian Community Development Association) Trainer, DeVos Urban Leadership alumni and trainer and a former Youth Specialties National Team Trainer. Amy is changing the ‘hood one kid at a time!

**Amy Williams would love to speak, train or emcee your events.
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SHORT BIOS:

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