## Mama Amira



I'm a mother, grand-mother, other-mother, artist-activist-scholar and educator. I've had children in public education for over 30 years and have been an educational entrepreneur for nearly as long. I am the founder/director of two community based supplemental education programs. I teach about the history, culture and issues of people of African descent in the P-20 Spectrum. I offer performances, workshops, lectures, residencies and educational services in arts-ineducation and curriculum advisement. I've received awards from the Illinois Arts Council, the Chicago Office of Fine Arts, and the United Way. I've published several scholarly papers & presented at numerous conferences. As *Mama Amira*, I believe in the village's contribution to the education of the child, as well as adults and am committed to educational excellence for all, education being the path to quality life experiences. Mama Amira promotes life-sustaining & lifeaffirming values.

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Creative Education, Educating Creatively

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#### **Educational Services**



#### **Performance**

Mama Amira offers interactive, multimedia performances that animated, are entertaining, educational, and interactive. Mama Amira uses a variety of percussion instruments, call and response songs, poetry, history, storytelling and audience participation to engage and inform audiences of all ages about history, culture, tradition, family geography, (including elders and ancestors), care for the earth and respect for self and others.



### **Workshops & Residencies**

**Mama Amira** provides small group workshops in the following areas for youth and adults:

- o Dance/Movement
- Percussion
- Instrument Making
- Performance
- Multimedia Social justice projects
- Africana history
- Teacher professional development

#### **Educational Consultant**

As *Mama Amira*, I have provided arts-in-education services for over 20 years in urban, suburban, rural and small-urban communities to thousands of children and adults. In addition, I hold an Ed.M. in Curriculum & Instruction and a Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies, Social & Cultural Studies Division, and a concentration in African-American Studies. I was a postdoc in the Dept. of African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana. Additionally, I am also certified in the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS).

*Mama Amira's* educational services and programs meet state goals for learning in the following areas:

- English Language Arts
- Fine Arts
- Physical Development & Health
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Social Science/History

Intellectual, emotional, creative development is collective our wealth; our future demands it. We must dare to dream creatively to effectively educate community. I have a demonstrated commitment and dedication to developing character, cultural competency, and intercultural dialogues that enhance our appreciation of the diverse society in which we live.

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