

**Biographical Sketches of the Co-Directors of the
Mental Health Matters for Violence Prevention Project (MHMVP)**

Michael Bell, MD, Psychiatrist, and **Fannie LeFlore**, MS,LPC,CADC-D, are Co-Directors of the Mental Health Matters for Violence Prevention Project. The two recently participated on a national panel about mental health and did a presentation about the MHMVP project at the National Conference on Safe Schools and Communities on October 31, 2007 in Washington, DC., sponsored by Hamilton Fish Institute at George Washington University and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Mental Health Matters for Violence Prevention Project kicked off June 6, 2007 in Milwaukee, initially sponsored by Community Intervention Programs/ LeFlore Communications, LLC. It is an evolving public service effort that is unique due to shared leadership for various project components, and its collaborative approach of bringing together the expertise and contributions of diverse individuals and organizations.

Fannie LeFlore is Owner/ President of LeFlore Communications, LLC, working as a Writer/Editor and Special Projects Consultant who combines her skills as a former award-winning newspaper reporter and psychotherapist. From 1993 to August 2005, LeFlore was a Provider or Manager in non-profit social services, education and community health programs. LeFlore worked as freelance Co-Writer/Editor of a book, "The Road Less Traveled and Beyond," by the late M. Scott Peck, M.D. LeFlore maintains professional licenses as a mental health and substance abuse counselor in Wisconsin. She also is a professional member of the American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA). Among LeFlore Communications' local client companies are several choice/private schools where LeFlore does behavioral health trainings and consultations for staff and workshops for students, Froedtert Hospital, and the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership, a coalition of public and private health care institutions and community-based organizations. Community Intervention Programs Inc., the non-profit organization affiliated with LeFlore Communications since 2005, has been registered in Wisconsin since 1995. Contact Information: 414-526-0908; fannie@leflorecommunications.com.

Dr. Michael Bell is featured in the "Guide to America's Top Psychiatrists" May 2007 edition from the Consumers Research Council of America. Dr. Bell, who joined the staff of Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. (MHSI) as a Psychiatrist in August 2004, previously served as Director of MHSI's Behavioral Health Services Center (BHSC). He is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Bell had an article on manic-depression published in the NeuroPsychiatric Review journal. His article addresses effective treatment approaches for patients affected by bipolar disorder. In addition, Dr. Bell's book review on the autobiography of the famous black intellectual and scholar John Hope Franklin was published in the national journal Psychiatric Services. On Oct. 31, 2007 in Washington, D.C., Dr. Bell did morning presentations at the National Conference on Safe Schools and Communities, and an afternoon lecture on motivational interviewing at a SAMHSA conference that addressed HIV/AIDS and treatment issues. Dr. Bell and LeFlore co-authored "Psychiatric Perspective Addressing the Roots of Violence," published in The Wisconsin Psychiatrist, Winter 2006-07 (pp. 12-14, Vol.46, No.2).