Women and Leadership Lecture Series

Endings and Beginnings: Making the Leadership Transition from Manager to Executive Director

Wednesday April 28, 2010
9:00am – 11:00am
NYU Silver School of Social Work, Parlor
Free of charge, RSVP required

Presented By:
Verona Middleton-Jeter, LMSW
Executive Director, Henry Street Settlement

“This presentation will highlight three important lessons learned on my journey from ‘live in’ social worker to executive director. Since I did not have a GPS to guide me, I took back roads, hit potholes and bumps, and often found myself in the ditch. Through trial and error I developed many critical skills, and will share how sensing opportunities and threats, setting strategic directions and managing paradoxes helped my transition to be successful. I now have my personal navigating system (PNS).”

Verona Middleton-Jeter began her career 27 years ago as a live-in social worker at Henry Street Settlement. An unsung hero in the fight against poverty, she worked her way up through the ranks to Chief Administrator of Homeless Services. In her various roles Verona has created and implemented an approach toward providing housing and services to homeless families and battered women that has become a model for programs not only in New York City but throughout the country and the world.

Verona has come a long way from a child growing up on a southern farm. For her, school was somewhere you went only when it rained or it wasn't cotton-picking season. Henry Street Settlement has provided services to tens of thousands of people in its 106-year history. Today, Henry Street works with homeless families offering an array of services with Verona Middleton-Jeter serving as the organization's Executive Director.

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