



David McCorkle

Founder and Faculty Member

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David McCorkle is a veteran Broadway performer who brings training to life wherever he goes. As a senior faculty member at the Sanctuary Institute in Yonkers, New York, David trained organizations in The Sanctuary Model® across the United States and in Malta, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. His experience with organizations caring for victims of trauma in domestic violence shelters, homeless and migrant shelters, psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment centers, schools, community mental health, and family support centers has given David a unique insight into the effects of trauma across a diverse spectrum of people and organizational situations.

David has been the principal trainer of The Sanctuary Model® for Crossnore School & Children's Home since 2008. David and the Crossnore Sanctuary trainers devised the Train the Trainer program so that ongoing training could be offered to staff year-round. He co-founded the Center for Trauma Resilient Communities, a program of Crossnore School & Children's Home, in 2018.

In addition to his work with the Sanctuary Institute and Crossnore, David maintains a private therapy practice in New York City. He has been published in *Psychiatric Quarterly*, *The International Journal for Therapeutic and Supportive Organizations*, *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, and he co-wrote a chapter on traumatic loss in *Loss, Hurt, and Hope: The Complex Issues of Bereavement and Trauma in Children* by Lorelei Atalie Vargas and Sandra L. Bloom. He is also the co-author of two Sanctuary psycho-education curriculums, *Learning SELF Through Films* and *Youth Training Manual: Learning from our Heroes*. David has been the keynote speaker at the Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care and has presented on non-violence and conflict resolution at conferences, on webinars, and in person at many agencies throughout the Sanctuary network.

David is a native of North Carolina and graduated from Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C. He is a proud father and grandfather and lives in New York City with his husband, Ernest Hood. He taught Sunday School for 20 years and is active at St. Marks in the Bowery in their Arts and Social Justice outreach ministries.



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