

## "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step". – Lao Tzu

This quote has been my mantra for many years and continues to be a foundational factor in how I manage my life. It has shaped my outlook, reassured me in moments of anxiety, and inspired me through times of disappointment. It is a constant reminder that each move forward is a progress and no matter how large the challenge, with a plan and perseverance, success is mine for the taking. My name is Raymond Hanna, Jr. I am a Deerfield Beach native by way of Freeport – Grand-Bahama, Bahamas. I am devoted husband and father of three (3) children. It is important that I not only share this profound thought, but also model the traits embodied within for my own family and those I come into contact with, both personally and professionally. I am a committed individual. I feel it is important to display commitment to those you work with and serve. Commitment takes on many shapes, but if I commit to a task, my focus is to see it through to the end. I take pride in rising above my challenges and conquering the obstacles they may bring. The ability to problem-solve and facilitate conflict resolution brings me great reward and satisfaction. After all, an amazing man and leader I'm found of once disclaimed that... "the true measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy" - Dr. Martin Luther King. Over my many years in the educational field as an Educator, Music Teacher, Behavior Specialist and Aftercare Supervisor, I have learned the importance of building strong and positive relationships with our students and parents alike. I enjoy learning about our student's likes and dislikes. I enjoy them exposing me to their world and thoughts. This allows us to service each one of our students uniquely. The same holds true for our parents. Learning more about them allows us to give them exactly what they are looking for from an Aftercare Provider, positions of not just trust, but dependability and security.