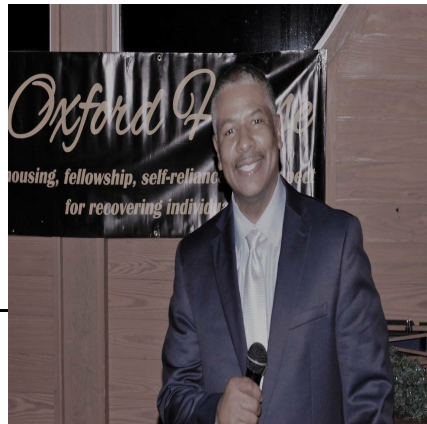


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## Kurtis Taylor's Testimony

Kurtis Taylor is an Outreach Worker and Reentry Coordinator for Oxford Houses of NC, a nonprofit network of 235 (statewide) self-help recovery homes. Along with the many duties of an Outreach Worker, Mr. Taylor is responsible for assisting men & women who are incarcerated with acceptance into Oxford House prior to release. Kurtis has been delivered from the disease of addiction since 2002 and has worked with Oxford House since 2004. Mr. Taylor's work with helping incarcerated citizens transition back into the community through Oxford House is being used as a model throughout the country. Kurtis served for four years as the chairperson for the NC Substance Use Disorder Federation, as chairman of the board of directors for the Alcohol & Drug Council of NC, as chairman of the NC Consumer and Families Advisory Committee, as a board member of Pardoned by Christ Prison Ministry, as an active member of the Departmental Waiver Advisory Committee, and also as an appointed member of the NC Stakeholders Engagement Group.

He currently serves as member of the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Use. Kurtis recently graduated from Wake Tech Community College with an Associates degree in Human Services and Substance Abuse Counseling and is a current student at Shaw University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. He is now registered with the practice board in NC as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. Mr. Taylor is the proud father of 15-year old son, Kurtis III and 23-year old daughter, Cierra. Kurtis is also the owner and operator of a successful flooring company in Raleigh, NC. Mr. Taylor gives his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ complete and total credit for all accomplishments and the many good things taking place in his life.

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