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Creator History

Kenneth Marshall was program director of HARYOU, a federally funded antipoverty agency in Central Harlem and served as executive director of Paterson, New Jersey's Task Force antipoverty program. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Marshall received his Bachelor of Arts degree from City College in 1949 after serving with the Air Force in World War II. He was awarded a Master's degree in psychology from City College and one in social work from Columbia University. He received a doctorate in 1969 from New York University.

Marshall began his career as a street worker for the New York City Youth Board in the 1950's, and dealt

with a number of fighting youth gangs, using this experience as the basis for his doctoral dissertation. At the Columbia University School of Social Work, Dr. Marshall was a research assistant and from 1961-1964 an assistant professor. In collaboration with others, he helped develop the plan for Mobilization for Youth.

In 1962 Marshall became program director of HARYOU where his contribution on the programmatic aspects of community involvement became a primary influence on the plan. From 1955-1966 he was executive director of the Task Force of Paterson, New Jersey's antipoverty program in which he implemented the plan for neighborhood boards that he had developed for Haryou. In 1967 Marshall became vice president for community affairs of the Metropolitan Applied Research Center, where he later was a Presidential Fellow. In 1970 he began a position as project chairman for the department of environmental research and development of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company.

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