

# **Ron D. Ward, J.D., M.A.T.**

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## **Biographical Resume**

Ron Ward lives in New London CT and has been an advocate for Social Justice for over 20 years. Educational accomplishments include being a graduate of Washington University School of Law School in St. Louis, MO and receiving a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield CT. Ward believes in the vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. described by him in the "I Have A Dream" call to action. Ward seeks the realization of Dr. King's dream through creating meaningful opportunities for inclusion, understanding and empowerment.

In 1990 neighborhood organizing for political action was center stage when Ron joined New London People's Form, a local LGBTQ socio-political group providing a safe space and mutual support. Connecticut was on-track to enact legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation. Passage of the Connecticut Gay Civil Rights Bill in 1991 ushered in a new era with Ward taking on reigns of responsibility through his volunteer service as Co-Director of the Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights.

Shortly thereafter, during the administration of Connecticut Governor Lowell P. Wicker, Ward accepted a position working as a Civil Rights Investigator with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Ron pursued his commitment to equal opportunity and developed specialized skills in the area of employment discrimination based on the disparate impact theory of Civil Rights protections.

It was in 1994, that Ward turned his experience and education to electoral politics and coalition building. He worked with the Legislative Electoral Action Program (LEAP), a coalition founded in 1980 to bring progressive politics to Connecticut's electoral marketplace. Ward worked side-by-side with activists from the Labor Movement, Women's Rights, LGBTQ Community, Religious Organizations and Business Trade groups. Ron managed three successful Democratic Candidate campaigns returning an incumbent to office and electing two new members of the Connecticut House of Representatives. His legislative accomplishments were recognized when CT State Rep. Thomas Ritter, Speaker of the House, appointed Ward to serve as Clerk of the Joint Legislative Committee on Education.

Ward pursued business interests serving as Chief Operating Officer of start-up regional mortgage company, as well as, various positions within the Connecticut-based Tribal Casino Gaming industry. He continued his community-based organizing with a focus on issues of educational opportunity, economic security and political participation. In 2010, Ron created the Greeneville Family Zone, modeled after the successful Harlem Children's Zone in Manhattan NY. Innovations of the Greeneville Family Zone engaged neighborhood families by developing responsive strategies for the delivery of coordinated services: Healthcare, Educational Enrichment, Family Supports and Political Action.

Ron was appointed to serve on the Connecticut Commission on Children by State Representative Christopher Donovan, former Connecticut Speaker of the House. He is a teacher for special needs elementary students with a public elementary school. Ward is a congregant with Unitarian Universalist Church where he volunteers to assist with the arrival of Refugee Newcomers.

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