Raymond Tademy, PhD (abbreviated biography)

Dr. Raymond Tademy (retired) was the Education Department Coordinator, Internal Programs Department, of the Richmond City Justice Center. Dr. Tademy received his Bachelors of Science, Masters of Science, and Ph.D. in Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Over the past 10 years, he has also been an instructor for the Virginia Department of Correctional Education and a volunteer in support of the education and re-entry of incarcerated populations at the former James River Correctional Center, Powhatan Correctional Center, and Deep Meadow Correctional Center. This included teaching fatherhood classes, establishing public speaking groups, and developing an inmate-led think tank that conceptualized pre- and post- release reentry programs.

Dr. Tademy has conducted research in HIV prevention, substance abuse, adolescent education outcomes, and health practices and decision making among African American male populations while serving as a program evaluator for the Center of Cultural Experiences in Prevention at VCU. As the Education Department Coordinator, he conducted GED preparation and testing for residents of the Richmond City Justice Center (RCJC) in collaboration with Richmond City Public Schools, particularly the Adult Learning Center. The Education Department also works with the VCU Open Minds program, University of Richmond, and Virginia Union University in providing opportunities for RCJC residents to take college-level classes alongside college students.

Dr. Tademy is a 25-year Marine Corps veteran and has served as an adjunct faculty member for VCU and as an assistant professor at Norfolk State University.