

# Staff Spotlight on: *Alfred Nelson, Housing Services Director*

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## *Housing Services*



Alfred is employed as Director of the County's Housing Services Division where he oversees the Housing Assistance Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (WAP-LIHEAP), and the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program. Alfred is a certified Housing Redevelopment Specialist and also serves as the Wakulla County Housing Disaster Coordinator.

Alfred is a native of Wakulla County, graduating from Wakulla High School in 1978. He joined the United States Army where he attended the University of Maryland in pursuit of a degree in Computer Electronics Systems through Service-members Opportunity Colleges (SOC). Throughout his 20 years of military service, he also obtained the following degrees and certifications: AA Degree in Computer Electronics Systems, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with ATLS and BTLS certification, certified Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), certified Clinical Oncology Research Associate, certified Employment Personnel Instructor, certified Equal Opportunity Specialist and nationally certified Master Fitness Instructor.

Alfred began his employment with Wakulla County in February of 2006 after 8 years in private business. He is a decorated wartime veteran of the Desert Storm and Operation Just Cause. He is married to Sonia Evangelia Hills-Nelson, who is also a native of Wakulla County and together they have 4 children, Brianna 25, a senior at FAMU; Alfred Jr., 21, a junior at FAMU; Timothy 18, a senior at FAMU High School DRS; and Adrienne 14, a freshman at FAMU High School DRS. Alfred has been an ordained Minister, Elder for the past 20 years and has served as a Pastor. He formally served as Wakulla County Veterans Service Officer where he obtained both State of Florida and National Veteran Service Officer Certifications. He is also certified as a representative of 21 veteran organizations through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

Alfred loves vacationing and spending time with his family and is a die-hard Seminole fan. His hobbies include fishing, gardening, backyard cookouts, woodwork, and watching sci-fi and western movies. He is an occasional reader, loves to travel, and he enjoys watching all sports.