



Quranner Cotledge born to his parents, William and Flora Cotledge, and raised in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He is a 1966 graduate of Peake High School and a 1970 graduate of Arkansas AM&N College (now known as University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff). He was the first from his immediate family to graduate from both high school and college.

Quranner is an Arkansas Certified Public Manager whose work as an Arkansas state employee spanned 43 years. He was the first Black male hired to work in the Human Services office in Mississippi County. Later, he became the first Black male to work in Craighead County Human Services.

As a result of promotions, he became the first Black to hold an Area Supervisor position in northwest Arkansas (Sebastian, Crawford, and Washington) for the state of Arkansas' Work Incentive Program. Cotledge later became the statewide Assistant Program Director.

In 1983 he was selected as the first Black County Director of Jefferson County Human Services to lead, at that time, the second largest caseload Human Services office in Arkansas. He was the first Black to hold the position of Human Services Area Manager for the Southwest Region which included Clark County and 15 other counties.

Other leadership opportunities include state of Arkansas Food Stamp Program Director, where he was responsible for policy, all monthly issuances and the transition from paper stamps to Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) of Food Stamp benefits for the state of Arkansas. He was appointed as the Assistant Director for the Division of Child Welfare Services responsible for all Child Welfare Service consisting of a statewide staff of 600 employees. The state of Arkansas Child Welfare Division became a nationally accredited licensed state government agency while he assisted with the program. His last public service position was as the Health Unit Administrator for Jefferson County, the largest health unit in the Health Department's Southeast region.

In 2018, Quranner was honored as the first pledge master for the founding members of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the first black Greek Letter organization on the campus of Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas. Quranner is proud of his 50-year membership in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc; and his membership in the Buffaloes Foundation where he has served over 20 years, many of those years as secretary.

He is a twice ordained deacon. First ordained at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in 1998 and later at Damascus Missionary Baptist Church in 2013 where he currently serves as a member of the Deacon Ministry.

Quranner has been married to Beverly for 41 years. He is the proud father of two married children Sonya Anderson and Johnathan Haggans. He is both a grandfather and great-grandfather.

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