

GARY WALKER

Gary Walker is president of Public Private Ventures, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the effectiveness of social policies and programs, especially in the areas of youth development, violence prevention and workforce development. P/PV carries out its mission by means of national demonstrations, program evaluations and technical assistance. P/PV works with foundations, government, community organizations and business in carrying out its work.

Mr. Walker is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Yale Law School and spent the late 1960s and early 1970s as a Wall Street attorney. He began his social policy work in the 1970s by setting up a business in New York City that hired only recovering addicts, ex-convicts and welfare recipients. The success of this business led to the creation of the National Supported Work Research Demonstration, a multisite experiment supported by the federal Departments of Labor, Justice, Commerce and Health, Education and Welfare. The experiment's positive results with long-term welfare recipients helped initiate our nation's focus on work and employment in welfare policy. Mr. Walker directed the field operations of this demonstration, as well as major national demonstrations in youth employment and public housing management, as senior vice president of the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, an organization set up by foundations and the federal government to manage national research organizations.

Mr. Walker led a national study in the 1980s of the Job Training Partnership Act, and the results of this study led to his conviction that more effective policies for youth and young adults were the nation's greatest need—and the investments of taxpayer and philanthropic dollars with the greatest potential payoff. He joined Public/Private Ventures in the mid-1980s to carry out that conviction. P/PV is recognized for its leadership role in mentoring, afterschool programming, violence prevention and workforce development, and for its extensive work with faith-based organizations, national service and volunteer programs.

Mr. Walker currently serves as a member of the boards of directors of The William Penn Foundation, one of the nation's largest regional foundations; The Reinvestment Fund, an innovative economic and community development investment intermediary for the Delaware Valley Region; Civic Ventures, a national organization which promotes the involvement of retirees in schools and social programs; and Replication and Program Services Inc., an organization which provides management assistance to non-profits attempting to replicate their services in multiple locations. He also serves on advisory boards to The Aspen Institute's Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives; Harvard University's Future of Philanthropy Executive Session; The Ford Foundation's International Learning Group on Community Youth Development; the CEOs for Cities Initiative; and the National Institute of Science's Forum on Adolescent Health.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Walker:

On behalf of President and Mrs. Clinton, I am writing to invite you to be a speaker at the White House Conference on Teenagers, to be held Tuesday, May 2, 2000, from 10 am to 5 pm. The conference, subtitled "Raising Responsible and Resourceful Youth," will explore:

- Evidence that the preteen years are as important as the first three years of life and set patterns for adult behavior and success;
- Perceptions and realities about the role parents play in the lives of their teenage children;
- The risks, challenges and anxieties faced by today's teens;
- The impact of new media on youth and parenting; and
- What parents, communities, and young people themselves can do to avoid risk behaviors to build a safe and successful path to adulthood.

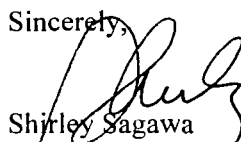
The opening session of the one-day conference will take place in the East Room with an audience comprised of parents and teens, educators, youth workers, foundation leaders, researchers, and policymakers. The opening session will be followed by lunch, breakout sessions hosted by Administration officials and members of Congress, and a closing reception.

We would like you to speak at the breakout session on "Youth as Resources: Can teenagers be resources in their own development and for their peers?" Your remarks should be no more than four minutes and should include a discussion of why community service is good for young people. Because the program is so tight, it is essential that each speaker cover the topic in the time allotted.

If you are able to participate, we would like a copy of your bio and short outline of your remarks so we can ensure that there is not duplication among speakers, given the need to cover a lot of material in a short time. You may submit this information via email to me at Shirley.S.Sagawa@who.eop.gov or by fax to (202) 456-6244.

We hope to see you May 2. Please do not hesitate to call me or my assistant, MaryEllen McGuire, at (202) 456-6266 if you have questions.

Sincerely,


Shirley Sagawa
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady