

# INTRODUCTION

## RODNEY WALKER

My name is (Speaker's Full Name). I am (leadership position), and it's my pleasure to welcome you. This program is sponsored by (list organization sponsors).

Rodney Walker is an American author, educator, entrepreneur, and inspirational speaker. He is most known for his work in trauma-informed education. He has a Bachelors degree from Morehouse College and Masters degrees from Harvard and Yale University.

Rodney was diagnosed with autism in elementary school, placed in special education, repeated the fourth grade due to poor academic performance, and finished his freshman year of high school with a 1.5 GPA. Shortly after aging out of foster care in his junior year, he was homeless on the streets of Chicago, relying on his classmates' parents and mentors for refuge.

He is the founder of Forever Life Productions, a company that creates custom videos for special occasions and events. Along with his production company, Rodney travels all over the world to speak about the importance of trauma-informed education, entrepreneurship education, mentoring at-risk youth, and corporate philanthropy for non-profit organizations aimed to uplift and support at-risk youth.

Rodney currently serves as a Professor of Leadership and Social Justice at his alma mater, Morehouse College. He also serves as a prison instructor in Atlanta's Metro Reentry facility as part of Morehouse College's Higher Education in Prisons Program.

Please help me welcome Rodney Walker.