

Lesly Prudent

CRA Coordinator

On December 12, 2011, Mr. Lesly Prudent was hired as the City of North Miami's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Coordinator. Mr. Prudent holds an AA degree in Liberal Arts from Kingsborough Community College (CUNY), a Bachelor's degree in Education from Hunter College (CUNY), a Master's degree from in Exceptional Education from Saint Thomas University, the equivalent of a specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from Nova University and State certification in Administration.



Mr. Prudent's professional career began right after graduation from Hunter College (CUNY) where he was selected as the Intramural Director, and Varsity Tennis Coach for both the men's and women's teams. Five years later, he followed the sun to Florida where he established a remarkable presence as a master teacher, dedicated assistant principal and community activist. Mr. Prudent's competence and hard work did not go unnoticed. In June 1994, he had the honor of being selected as the first Haitian American principal in the State of Florida.

Most of Mr. Prudent's tenure as a principal took place at North Miami Adult Education Center. In addition to increasing the literacy rate of the citizens of North Miami, Mr. Prudent's program was recognized as the largest and most productive program in Miami-Dade County and the State. The workforce component of the program was so valued by the City of North Miami, that over an eleven year period, three different Mayors gave Mr. Prudent a key to the City. During that same period, Mr. Prudent received four certificates of appreciation from the mayor of Miami-Dade County four certificates of appreciation from the mayor of the City of North Miami, and seventy other plaques and certificates from businesses, local churches, civic and non-profit organizations.

After eleven years as principal of the number one adult education program in the State, in June 2005, Mr. Prudent was promoted, first as District Director for Miami-Dade County Public Schools in charge of Non-Instructional Staffing, later, as District Director for Recruitment.

Mr. Prudent retired early from Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in 2008, after 25 years of faithful service. After retirement, He founded and still manages Lespri Enterprises Inc., a marketing firm that specializes in helping institutions and business entities secure their market shares in the Haitian community.

As a long-time resident of North Miami, Mr. Prudent actively contributes to improving the quality of life in the City. He keeps informed of the issues and has volunteered to serve on several advisory Boards including the Board of Adjustment in which he served as the vice-chair, the Mayor's taskforce, the Planning Board, the Emergency Preparedness Board, and the North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens.

Mr. Prudent's focus is to assist the Executive Director fulfill the CRA's mission, that is to increase the tax base of the City and enhance the neighborhoods through brick and mortar projects.