

Afiya and Wekesa Madzimoyo

A Short Biography

Afiya and Wekesa Madzimoyo married on December 31, 1988 and have since then worked side-by-side building several businesses and organizations, chief among them AYA Educational Institute . Currently Wekesa serves as the Head of School, and Afiya teaches Mathematics.

AYA Educational Institute provides quality educational alternatives and resources for youth and adults of African descent. Since 1988 AYA's programs have immersed students, parents and other adults into an African-centered educational and social environment that is rich in our past and culture. These tools enable them to succeed in their current and future responsibilities to themselves, their families, our community, our people and the world -- in that order.

Wekesa serves as the lead trainer and originator of the national workshops: **"Healing Oppression's Wounds," "Warriors & Healers," and "Sankofa Math."** Using an African-centered frame, African Americans support each other in healing the wounds created by external and injected oppression starting with ourselves and extending into our community and into our work lives.

Wekesa has been the prime developer of **Mu-Kunda, AYA's Online Communiversity with Soul."** Located in Stone Mountain Georgia, AYA Educational Institute's African-Centered Online Campus offers interactive courses for students and adults: that's real-time interactive learning -- with live instructors. Through its adult courses, AYA has served students in **Washington, DC, SC, NY, Byron, MS, CA, FL, NC, IL, Bermuda, Trinidad and Georgia where it is based.** Through its youth courses AYA serves middle school and high school students with a full academic curriculum with high culture, high nurturing and high expectations.

To support our people financially and to support AYA Educational Institute, Afiya affiliated with **ComproTax, Inc.**, the largest Black-owned income tax firm in the country, in 2006 and now serves as office manager at **ComproTax ATL -- AYA Team, which most recently relocated to 260 Peachtree Street, Suite 2110.** Afiya provides income tax preparation services for individuals, businesses and corporations, specializing in supporting clients who have trouble or challenges with the IRS. She also serves as a bankruptcy petition preparer.

In 2009, Afiya and Wekesa, as pro se litigants, sued three of the largest banks in the US (GMAC, Et. Al), asking the defendants to bring proper evidence of the chain of title regarding their personal home mortgage loan. Their case **Madzimoyo V. GMAC, Et. Al** was victorious, winning in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in the Northern District, bringing case precedent-setting law for the states: AL, GA and FL when it comes to the removal of case from state to federal court. The Madzimoyos continue to win their fight in DeKalb State court.

In 2011, Afiya and Wekesa formed **JUSTICE AT HOME**, a growing movement of pro se litigants and their supporters who are fighting the foreclosure crisis and the wealth hemorrhaging from our neighborhoods. They are also working to educate, empower and restore psychic and emotional balance to our communities hardest hit by the economic crisis and the social "blame."

Afiya and Wekesa formed UHURU Esusu Real Estate LLC which is a buying collective whereby 11 families are pooling monies together to purchase homes and own them outright free-and-clear within 2.5 years. The Esusu purchased the first house in December 2011, and two other families are actively looking and negotiating now. Every three months an Esusu family buys a home free and clear.

Wekesa and Afiya have four children: Ayinde Madzimoyo, Chinua Suma, Sarafina and Ife Madzimoyo and three grandchildren: Addae, Olaniyon and Anhur. Wekesa is also a professional photographer and graphic designer and Afiya grows much of the family's food.