



## **Brandon Wiley: Executive Director and Founder of OpenedEyes**

Brandon Wiley, Executive Director and Founder of OpenedEyes holds a MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. He is a Licensed Professional counselor, currently working at the Veterans Medical Center as the Community Engagement & Partnership's Coordinator for Suicide Prevention. Brandon is originally from Sharon PA, graduated from Kennedy Catholic High School. He came to Erie in 2006 to originally study pastoral studies and was a seminarian at St. Mark's Seminary. After leaving St. Mark's Seminary, he continued his studies at Gannon University and graduated from Gannon with both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He started OpenedEyes because of his personal battles as a biracial man growing up with a black father and white mother.

Brandon is a motivational speaker/diversity trainer and along with his OpenedEyes team, they conduct various workshops and training to schools, businesses and organizations.