

**T**amara Collier joined Sheep Gate in May of 2010 and is a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor in the state of MD and certified by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NCC). She has a Master's Degree in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University of Maryland. She is passionate about helping families and children to explore and reach their potential as God has planned.

Tamara has worked as a volunteer youth minister in Baltimore City for the past seven years, taught special education math, and is excited to work professionally with children and their families in times of trouble. She has also served with the US Navy and has a firsthand understanding of the unique struggles that military families face. Coupled with her professional training and past work experiences, Tamara is a competent professional to work with children from as early as three to 93 years old and the families that help support those children.

Tamara believes that it "takes a village to raise a child" and believes that as part of the greater village, she can help support parents in their job as a parent. All children should be treated as a human being and that they make mistakes. At some point children need to learn from those mistakes and need to be taught how to treat others and to better reach their potential. Parents

also need help at times to handle these situations and counseling can help with this process.

In no way does Tamara believe that her work is done independently. Counseling involves a healing of the mind, body, and spirit that can only be done with the aid of God. Understanding better the love of God and the grace of Christ is a main goal for Tamara's personal life as well as professional life. She believes that her work as a counselor helps to fulfill a calling from God and invites the Holy Spirit to join her in that work.

Tamara is a member of the NBCC and the AAPC.