



AVERY D. NILES

**Personal Information**

- Married to Charlene Hopson Niles
- One Child – Brittani
- God-Child – Jemiah
- Member of Antioch Baptist Church

**Professional Background**

28 Years of Distinguished Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Experience

Including:

- Entering Law Enforcement at age 20 (08-18-1986)
- Patrolman, Hall County Sheriff's Office (08-18-1986 – 07-29-1989)
- Juvenile Investigator, Hall County Sheriff's Office  
(07-30-1989 – 01-26-1991)
- Sergeant, Juvenile Investigator, Hall County Sheriff's Office  
(01-27-1991 – 12-07-1996)
- 1st Lieutenant (Asst. Commander) Patrol Division, Hall County  
Sheriff's Office (12-08-1996 – 12-21-1996)
- Lieutenant, Work Release-House Arrest, Hall County Sheriff's  
Office (12-22-1996 – 03-21-2000)
- 1st Lieutenant (Asst. Commander) Detention Center, Hall County  
Sheriff's Office (03-22-2000 - 06-28-2003)
- Captain (Commander) Detention Center, Hall County Sheriff's  
Office (06-29-2003 – 10-14-2007)
- Warden, Hall County Correctional Institution  
(10-15-2007 – 10-31-2012)
- Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice (11-01-12 – Present)

### **Educational Background**

- Gainesville High School, Gainesville, Georgia
- Leadership Hall County (Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce)
- Graduate, Georgia Police Academy
- Graduate, FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia (191-2)
- Graduate, National Association of Child Abuse Investigation
- Graduate, Internal Affairs Investigator Association
- Graduate, Georgia Police Chief Executive Training Class
- Ga. State Board of Funeral Services
- Georgia Law Enforcement Command College, Columbus State University
- Bachelor's Degree Program, Criminal Justice Major, Columbus State University

### **Community Involvement**

- Deacon/Trustee, Antioch Baptist Church
- Gainesville – Hall County Civic Association
- Trustee, Gainesville College Foundation Board
- Board of Directors, Gainesville Boys & Girls Clubs
- Board of Directors, United Way of Hall County
- Kiwanis Club of Gainesville
- Lanier Area Football Officials Association (Vice President)
- Member, Gainesville – Hall County Roundtable Association
- YMCA – Board of Directors Member
- Member, F.B.I.N.A.A. – Georgia Chapter
- Northeast Georgia Police Academy's Advisory Board

- Regional Investigator Associates
- Member, F.B.I.N.A.A. - National Chapter
- North Georgia Investigator's Association
- Georgia Internal Investigator's Association

**Organization Membership**

Current Member:

- National Sheriff's Association
- Peace Officers Association of Georgia
- Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
- Georgia Sheriff's Association
- Georgia Prison & Warden's Association (2nd.Vice President)
- F.C.A. Gainesville-Hall County
- Appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice Board  
(10/2011 12/2017)
- Chosen/Selected as Chairman of Board for the Georgia  
Department of Juvenile Justice (03/2012)
- Appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to the Accountability Courts  
Funding Committee (06/2012)
- Appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to the Juvenile Justice  
Incentive Grant Program Funding Committee (04/2013)

**Past Membership:**

- Who's Who Among American High School Students
- Who's Who Among American Business Executives
- NAACP, Gainesville – Hall County
- Salvation Army – Gainesville Georgia
- Past-Member, United Way of Hall County, Budget and Admissions
- Past-Member, Board of the American Red Cross, Gainesville – Hall County
- Past-President, Men's Progressive Club, Gainesville – Hall County
- Past-Member, March of Dimes, Gainesville – Hall County
- Georgia Jail Association (District Leader)
- Past-Member, Advisory Board, Rape Response, Inc.
- Past-President, Gainesville – Hall County Fraternal Order of Police
- Georgia Gang Investigator's Association



## **Commissioner Avery D. Niles** **Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice**

After his appointment by the Governor in November 2012, Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Avery Niles was sworn into office by Governor Nathan Deal, followed by a unanimous vote of the DJJ Board. Commissioner Niles leads a workforce of more than 4,000 state juvenile corrections employees working in 28 facilities and 92 court services offices, engaged in the restorative justice of more than 22-thousand Georgia youth offenders.

With more than 28 years of distinguished law enforcement and criminal justice experience, Commissioner Niles built his corrections career as Warden of the Hall County Correctional Institute. In addition, Niles spent more than twenty years in the Hall County Sheriff's Office rising through the ranks from Patrolman to Sergeant in Juvenile Investigations, First Lieutenant (Assistant Commander) in the Patrol Division, and Lieutenant in the Work Release/House Arrest Division, before reaching the level of Commander of the Hall County Detention Center.

In 2011, Commissioner Niles was appointed to the Department of Juvenile Justice Board and in 2012, was elected Chairman of the DJJ Board. Governor Nathan Deal has since appointed Commissioner Niles to the Accountability Courts Funding Committee, Georgia's Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program Funding Committee and the Office of Child Advocate Nominating Committee. In 2014, Commissioner Niles was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal as State Council Chairman of the GA State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision, keeping over watch on the revised Interstate Compact Law.

Commissioner Niles has served as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Georgia Prison & Warden's Association and is active in the National Sheriff's Association, the Peace Officers Association of Georgia, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Sheriff's Association, and F.C.A of Gainesville-Hall County.

The Commissioner is a strong proponent of continuing law enforcement education. He is a graduate of the Georgia Police Academy, FBI National Academy, National Association of Child Abuse Investigation, Internal Affairs Investigator Association, Georgia Police Chief Executive Training, Georgia State Board of Funeral Services, and Leadership Hall County. Commissioner Niles is a graduate of the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College (Class 52) at Columbus State University.

Niles resides in Gainesville with his wife Charlene, his daughter Brittani and his god-daughter Jemiah. He is a Deacon at the Antioch Baptist Church and is active with local groups including the Hall County Civic Association, Gainesville College Foundation Board, the Gainesville Boys & Girls Club, and United Way of Hall County, Kiwanis Club of Gainesville, and the Gainesville-Hall County Roundtable Association.