

Vennard Wright, Chief Information Officer, Prince George's County Government

Vennard Wright (PMP, ITIL Practitioner) is currently the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Prince George's County Government and is a proud, lifelong resident of Prince George's County, MD. As CIO, he provides the requisite leadership to transform the management of information technology (IT) capabilities and services to support the County's mission. As the Director for the Office of Information Technology (OIT) he ensures that OIT's service delivery is in alignment with the County Executive's goals and objectives for the County.

Mr. Wright was appointed as Chief Technology Officer/Deputy Director in December 2010 and subsequently appointed as the Acting CIO/Director in January 2012 and confirmed as CIO/Director by Prince George's County Council in November 2012.

Prior to joining Prince George's County, his professional IT experience included serving as Director of Technology for Hillary Clinton during her successful US Senate re-election campaign and subsequent Presidential Campaign, and serving as Director of Technology of Technology during Rushern Baker's successful run for County Executive of Prince George's County, MD in 2010. He was also Chief Technology Officer and Technical Organization Delivery Manager for Electronic Data Systems (EDS), which was subsequently acquired by Hewlett Packard (HP).

Mr. Wright has also spoken at several technology conferences and written columns on the benefits of effectively applying the latest technologies and project management methodologies to a range of operational issues. He is applying those same principles to solving some of the most vexing IT challenges in Prince George's County.

Vennard Wright holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland and resides in Clinton, MD with his wife, Janelle, and four children.