



## **Indian Oaks Academy Executive Director Mike Chavers**



Mike Chavers was promoted to executive director of Indian Oaks Academy in 2007. He began working for the academy in November 1994 as a sexuality counselor. As executive director, Mike provides direction and management for clinical and support service departments within the 112-bed residential treatment facility and 80-student educational center, with a total staff of 245, and a budget of 13 million dollars.

His career includes work as a consultant to the Helen Wheeler Center for Mental Health and Pathways Counseling Center, providing individual and group therapy for adolescents and adults with sexually aggressive behaviors. Mike began his career in Chicago at the Lydia Home Association, as a child care worker, unit supervisor and training consultant. His presentations on “*Gender-Responsive Treatment Approaches*” and “*Preventing Sexual Abuse in Residential Treatment Centers*” put Mike at the forefront in the field of treating severely emotionally disturbed children.

Mike holds a Master of Arts in Counseling from Olivet Nazarene University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the Moody Bible Institute.