

## **Brief Braddy Bio (2022)**

Theo W. Braddy graduated from Temple University with his MSW in 1988, after receiving his BSW from Edinboro University.

At the early age of 15, he became a person with a disability due to a high school football accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down. For over 40+ years, Mr. Braddy has advocated on behalf of persons with disabilities. Braddy was hired in 1988 as CEO of the Center for Independent Living of Central Pennsylvania. As CEO, Braddy created an independent living center that has become a strong and growing voice for persons with disabilities.

Braddy has taught at Temple University and Millersville University as an Adjunct Professor.

Two different Governors have appointed Mr. Braddy Commissioner for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Governor Corbett appointed Braddy to serve on the PA Statewide Independent Living Council. In 2021, Governor Wolf appointed Braddy to serve on the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation and reappoint him again in 2021 to the PA Statewide Independent Living Council.

Selected by Senator Robert Casey, Jr., as 1 of 4 Black leaders in Pennsylvania who have demonstrated power and persistency in overcoming challenge and creating meaningful change in PA. I was honored by having <u>Senator Casey acknowledged</u> my contribution on the Senate Floor at a Congressional Hearing – Presented with a Senate Proclamation and Plaque for my contribution. Recognized and celebrated as a Black Leader during <u>Senator Casey's Resilience in the Face of Adversity</u> virtual event in February, 2022.

On September 30, 2022, <u>President Biden announced</u> he was appointing me to the <u>National Council on Disability</u> (NCD). NCD is an independent federal agency that advises the President, Congress, and other federal agencies on policies, programs, practices, and procedures affecting people with disabilities.

On December, 2022 invited to join Governor-Elect Shapiro Transition Team's Advisory Committee on Education & Workforce Development.

Mr. Braddy is married to Rovenia Braddy, who Author and Playwriter. He is also the father of two adult children, a daughter, Kimmi Braddy, and a son, Theo Braddy Jr.