

Over the last decade, I have worked to support many social causes using community-centered, community-led organizing and action to gain wins for many folx at the margins of society. I have experience and knowledge in teaching the concepts of abolition, the prison-industrial complex, community psychology, and land sovereignty using popular education models under the frameworks of Black Queer Theory and the Black Radical Tradition. I have refined my skills and gained experiences through various grassroots campaigns based in Baltimore, Atlanta, and Nashville to support housing and rent fights, police accountability, environmental organizing, college-based organizing, and a national campaign to support the clemency of Cyntoia Brown Lang. I continue to organize locally in Baltimore through the facilitation of political education sessions, strategy development, grassroots campaigns, and direct action support and training. I support efforts to increase access to sustainable food in Baltimore, preserve Baltimore's Black cultural traditions, and defund the police as a source of funds for social wellness needs especially for Black folks and those in historically and presently divested neighborhoods.

As an Independent Consultant, I have worked with national partner Race Forward since 2020 to facilitate public and client-based racial justice training across philanthropic, government, academic, for-profit, and non-profit community organizations. I also develop client-specific equity training for grassroots organizations and small non-profits looking to advance campaigns and increase their equity efforts. In August 2020, I became the inaugural project coordinator of 24 and None, a grassroots organizer incubator for youth (14-25) with criminal legal system involvement

I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Morehouse College in 2018 and a Master of Education in Community Development and Action from Vanderbilt University in 2020. During my academic career, I have worked various jobs that have equipped me with transferrable skills and experiences that broaden my views on multiple parts of our social experience. As a research assistant at Peabody College for the AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) - Southeast Region, I helped to evaluate the effectiveness of a program created to support the collaboration of healthcare professionals as they work with People living with HIV. As an Intern Consultant with Younge Consulting, I directly contributed to two projects: a merger of departments at an international human rights organization and an evaluation of a program to increase academic equity at a University Consortium. Additionally, I worked as a site director for a shelter serving LGBTQ youth (18-25) in Nashville providing lodging, food, and connection to social services. I have been blessed with several accolades, awards, and personal testimonies from my peers and colleagues throughout my academic career for my community work and advocacy efforts.

I am passionate about creating an equitably resourced Baltimore where long-term and young Black residents know, without a doubt, that they can raise and nurture themselves and their families. I plan to continue this work through a new social enterprise called Grow410, where I will host an urban farm, apothecary, and space for workshops, events, and group meetings.