

# Sheryl-Amber B. Edmondson, M.S.Ed.

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Sheryl-Amber is an equity-focused nonprofit professional with over a decade of experience working across the education and nonprofit sectors, from implementation to infrastructure—a teacher by trade and organizer at heart, she uses a multidisciplinary approach in her work to build capacity and drive community-centric solutions that disrupt the cycle of systems-driven disparities in Philadelphia and beyond.

Native to Southwest Philadelphia, just blocks from world-renowned universities, Sheryl-Amber's world was still in closer proximity to the county jails miles away. Early on, she made it her mission to fight for access and opportunity for children like her, beginning her career where she began her education—from within the classroom. At the heart of her work, she finds harmony between youth organizations' strategy, practice and people—especially Black youth, students with exceptionalities, young mothers, LGBTQIA\* youth and systems-involved young people.

Sheryl-Amber is a development strategist, master facilitator and design thinker whose past work includes managing a multi-million dollar funding portfolio, designing the Youth Master Plan community conversation series in both New Orleans and Detroit; leading the citywide youth program quality initiative; seeding funding for innovative adolescent health programs; facilitating equity assessment, strategy and implementation; providing community-based HIV/STI testing and prevention and more.

Presently, Sheryl-Amber merges her background in education with her expertise in nonprofit development as Grants Manager at The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia. Along with being an Impact100 Founders Fellow, Sheryl-Amber also serves as a Grant Reviewer for the Southern Black Girls & Women's Consortium.

Sheryl-Amber is a proud graduate of the School District of Philadelphia. She acquired her Bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University (where she co-founded the Penn State Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.). And, after years of dreaming, Sheryl-Amber received her Master of Education at the university just blocks away from her childhood home, The University of Pennsylvania.