



## **Tiheba Williams-Bain**

Tiheba received dual Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Women in Criminal Justice from the CUNY Baccalaureate Interdisciplinary and Unique studies program and she is a Justice-in-Education Scholar of Columbia University. Ms. Bain sat on the advising committee for the Hostos/SOAR Summer program. Tiheba is also a contributing author to *Race Education and Reintegration; Formerly Incarcerated Citizens*, and is featured in a documentary called *Counter Stories*.

Ms. Bain is the founder and Executive Director of Women Against Mass Incarceration, a grassroots nonprofit organization, empowering formerly incarcerated women and girls to serve as students, peer mentors and advocates for women's rights. She is an organizer and who welcomes the opportunity to give back and be a change agent for others. Tiheba is a professional assisting with sustainable reentry for women, reforming education in prison and advocating for the rights of those incarcerated and formerly incarcerated.

Ms. Bain played integral role in assisting with codifying policy for incarcerated women and girls in the State of Connecticut. Tiheba was appointed to the Governor elect Lamont and Bysiewicz, Transition Policy Committee. She spoke at an ACLU Smart Justice press conference introducing the anti-discrimination act. She also held press conferences with former Governor Daniel Malloy, and state Representative Robyn Porter. Tiheba have sat spoke, at Building Bridges Conference, UCONN, and Yale University and the CT public defenders conference in 2018.

As a social justice activist and motivational speaker, she held the platform for National Action Network, John Jay College, NYU, Yale University, LaGuardia Community College, WHCR radio, MNN and Sister Talk. She supported legislation in Albany, NY for Ban the Box and return of PELL and TAP for incarcerated people.

Ms. Bain mentors formerly incarcerated and trauma survived women, facilitates empowerment workshops and seminars. It is her belief that the transformative power of higher education, supportive methods and encouragement for justice involved people is the key to successful reentry.