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AFFILIATIONS

Ashoka - Ashoka Lifetime Fellow (USA)

Ashoka Fellows are leading social entrepreneurs implementing system-changing solutions to human and environmental problems in 89 countries.

Stanford University - SEERS Fellow

Social entrepreneur fellows (SEERS Fellows) lead institutions that advance social, economic, and political change.

Aspen Institute - Ideas Festival Scholar

A diverse group of 300 leaders from all over the United States and 30 different countries selected for their work, accomplishments, and ability to transform ideas into action.

iConexion - Member Since 2012

A national network of emerging Latinx leaders.

AWARDS

2015 CNN Hero

CNN

2012 Top 20 Innovator

NBC Latino

2012 Sound Investment Honoree

Digital Literary Arts, Inc.

2011 Media Leader Award

Alameda County Mental Health Board

2011 School Innovator Award

Alameda School Health Services Coalition

Highly decorated social entrepreneur known for trailblazing work using Hip Hop to promote mental health and wellbeing among youth of color. Pioneered one of the country's first Hip Hop Therapy programs in Oakland, which has positively impacted the lives of thousands of youth throughout California and New York. Clinically trained social worker, servant leader and youth advocate. Lifetime Ashoka fellow and recent SEERS Fellow through Stanford University's Program on Social Entrepreneurship. Featured as NBC Top 20 Latino Innovator and CNN Hero.

EXPERIENCE

HIP-HOP THERAPY GLOBAL INSTITUTE (HHTGI)

Founder & Network Leader (2016 - Current)

HHTGI is an impact network designed to advance the field of Hip Hop Therapy by enabling a new generation of leaders to inspire mental health & wellbeing among youth through the Hip Hop Arts. Led work to develop and communicate organization's vision and unify efforts in the field of Hip Hop Therapy. Recently participated in Ashoka Globalizer Summit on Youth Empowerment in Singapore to present pitch deck for an open access platform to scale Hip Hop Therapy.

BEATS RHYMES AND LIFE, INC. (BRL)

Co-Founder & CEO (2004 - 2015)

BRL is a nonprofit organization based in Oakland specializing in developing and administering culturally responsive, trauma informed prevention and mental health programs for marginalized youth populations. Led efforts to co-create mission, vision, values and strategy. Developed and strengthen brand through social media campaigns and public events. Spearheaded fundraising efforts to secure over two million dollars in funding and brokered strategic partnerships with public and nonprofit behavioral health agencies to spread Hip-Hop Therapy as a community-defined evidenced-based practice in four counties in California. Served as spokesperson for the organization and cultivated relations with numerous media outlets. Led acquisition and renovation efforts for organization's headquarters. Served as associate producer on award-winning documentary (A Lovely Day, 2012) highlighting the transformative power of Hip Hop Therapy.

CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (CMD)

Co-Chair, CMD Advisory Committee (2010 - 2014)

The CMD was established to promote the cultural competence of publicly funded behavioral health systems and ensure the integration of cultural competence into policy development, research, training, technical assistance, and other activities and products of the California Institute of Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS).

EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders, 2015

SMITH COLLEGE SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL WORK

Masters of Social Work, 2006

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelors of Social Work, 2004