

ASHLEY OLAYINKA

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Ashley Olayinka is a nationally recognized nonprofit executive, strategist, and healing justice advocate with over 15 years of experience advancing survivor-led, trauma-informed solutions rooted in racial and gender equity. A South Carolina native and survivor of sexual violence, Ashley is the Founder and CEO of The Hive Community Circle, the state's only culturally specific peer advocacy organization supporting survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking.

Under her leadership, The Hive has scaled from a grassroots initiative to a \$1.3 million organization, reaching thousands of community members through culturally responsive programming that promotes safety, wellness, and economic mobility. Ashley's leadership extends beyond The Hive through service on civic boards and national platforms including the Essence Festival and Capitol Hill briefings. She was selected as an Aspen SOAR Global Fellow, a program dedicated to enhancing efforts that center and protect women and girls and has been featured in outlets such as Essence Magazine and Black Enterprise.

Grounded in lived experience and academic training, Ashley's work reflects a deep commitment to system transformation. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Columbia College and a Master of Social Work from the University of Washington. With numerous awards and recognitions, she continues to champion equity, collective care, and transformative leadership in every sphere of her work.