



Caprice Taylor Mendez

Capacity Building Training Partner

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I strive to support the co-existence of compassion, self-care and movement towards greater social justice.

Caprice Taylor Mendez has worked in the nonprofit sector for 30 years globally, nationally and locally. Born in Guatemala of a Black Guatemalan father and Ladino Guatemalan mother, she arrived in the mid 1970's to New Haven, CT as an undocumented child. Caprice graduated from Boston College in Psychology focused on violence prevention and government and family systems; with a Master's from Harvard's School of Education in Administration, Social Policy and Planning. She has founded as a Board member or Executive Director three nonprofits and several programs serving the community for systemic change to address root causes of injustice.

She has also served as a community organizer for ten years impacting key policy changes in education, economic development, affordable housing, and health equity while building local and national people power across diverse communities. Caprice has served as a consultant in the nonprofit sector, and supported grantmaking efforts for foundations for 10 years including as a staffer for 5 years at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Currently, Caprice hosts a local bilingual radio show on La Voz Hispana de Connecticut through 103.5 FM called "Juntos Podemos/Together We Can" celebrating co-creators of a kinder and more just world, is a part-time professor at Gateway Community College in Peace Studies, and provides nonprofit consulting support and one-to-one individual consulting in support of releasing trauma and reawakening to one's gifts.



Training History

Caprice has been trained in organizational development at Accion International as a staff of the Organizational Development department for three years; and at Harvard's School of Education Master's program that focused on leadership for systemic change, including training in Organizational Development and Community Organizing. In addition, Caprice was trained as a staffer at the Massachusetts Prevention Center supporting adult and youth learning and changing-behavior models, facilitating coalitions and workshops, and curriculum development.

Caprice has over 20 years of experience facilitating groups, developing curriculum and implementing workshops from assisting in Board development to adult and youth leadership development workshops, Theatre of the Oppressed, community organizing, policy advocacy reform, conflict resolution, Strategic planning development for nonprofit boards, and additional topics in other areas.

Caprice considers herself to be a lifelong learner. Caprice is also a trained practitioner of various mediation modalities, certified in various human energy healing modalities including as a Journey Dance facilitator and explorer of other self care practices. When she is not working, she is in the garden or hiking with family and friends, or learning the Ukulele.



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