

DOMONIQUE F. MCCORD

MPI Chief Program Officer



For over 20 years, Domonique F. McCord has created space for mental health and healing through her continued work in therapy, wellness, and program administration. Domonique currently serves as the Chief Program Officer for the Metropolitan Peace Initiatives (MPI), a division of Metropolitan Family Services. The mission of MPI is to coordinate, support, and sustain a cross-agency infrastructure made up of local community-based and citywide organizations that deliver a comprehensive set of services to heal communities at the highest risk for gun violence. She enacts programming that promotes healing and capacity building. She has adopted a lifelong commitment to engage in practices that improve her ability to be a responsive leader, which involves active listening, showing empathy, and displaying creativity.

From a trauma-informed lens, she approaches Community Violence Intervention (CVI) program development with an understanding of the impact that adverse experiences have on individuals and communities. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, she works with the most vulnerable populations, and understands that a safe and trauma-informed environment is critical to promoting healing.

Before MPI, Domonique held a number of leadership positions in education at the high school and collegiate levels. She worked as a Coordinated School Health Specialist for Chicago Public Schools and served as both Director of Community Programs and as an Affiliate Therapist for the Family Institute at Northwestern University. In the past, she was also a Master Practitioner for the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration and an adjunct instructor for Dominican, Loyola, and Northeastern Illinois Universities.

Domonique has a Bachelor of Science from Northwestern University and a Master's of Social Service Administration from the Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice at the University of Chicago. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Social Work at the University of Southern California.