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The scope of my career has been to improve the health and wellness of marginalized communities and populations. I became interested in the field of social work during my undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. At that time, I was a youth counselor for young males at the local juvenile detention center. I deeply enjoyed building a positive rapport with the young men and learned about the systemic challenges they were experiencing in their under-resourced communities. This inspired me to pursue my graduate studies in clinical social work with adolescents, young adults, and families at the University of Chicago.

Early in my career, I worked on the south and west sides of Chicago as a Domestic Violence case manager and then led TRiO programs on the southwest side to get low-income, first-generation students into post-secondary programs. As my career developed, I began to take on more leadership roles in academia to collaborate with many community-based groups and organizations to address health and education inequities. Furthermore, as a licensed clinical social worker I have provided therapeutic counseling, and clinical consultation for women and children experiencing domestic violence.

And it has been a rewarding experience to build my career in academic and grassroots community-based settings.

Some highlights I am especially proud of are the classes I have taught on Professional Social Work, social justice retreats, and workshops on intersectionality and exploring racial equity.

Lastly, I recently completed my doctorate in social work at the University of Southern California, studying Black Maternal Health; and I plan to design and develop educational programs and advocacy initiatives to address the Black Maternal Health Crisis.

I am currently a Program Manager in the Center for Health Equity at the American Medical Association.