

## Informing Families Coordinator Introduction Shannon Watkins

Meet Shannon Watkins, a passionate Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity professional serving as the Informing Families Coordinator for the Black/African American community in the King and Pierce County region. With a profound love for supporting Black and African American families impacted by Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), Shannon's empathetic approach drives her to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Through her role, she bridges the gap between resources and those in need, ensuring equitable access to essential services and support networks.

Shannon's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity fuels her advocacy efforts as she continually seeks innovative approaches to address systemic barriers and create opportunities for change. Her dedication to social justice fosters a more inclusive environment where everyone, regardless of background or ability, can thrive and receive the support they deserve. She aims to work collaboratively with community members, organizations, and stakeholders to address racial disparities and cultivate a culture of belonging where all voices are heard and respected.