

PROJECT RISE

LEADER PROFILE: DAVID MUHAMMAD

“We know that, by focusing on the needs of each individual child and family, we can produce better outcomes for system-involved youth, and our community.” - David Muhammad

David Muhammad is the Deputy Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). DHHS is a \$330 million organization employing 850 public servants with a mission to empower safe, healthy, meaningful lives for everyone in Milwaukee County. DHHS operates business lines in mental health, housing, energy assistance, disabilities and youth justice services. Muhammad joined the Department in November 2018.

David Muhammad previously served as the Program Manager for the City of Milwaukee’s Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) since 2016. While at OVP he expanded the County’s Trauma Response Team Partnership and developed Milwaukee’s Cure Violence project, a violence interruption program staffed by credible messengers. He most recently presented his work on the “Blueprint For Peace” at the Healing Justice Alliance conference and at numerous institutions and public forums.

David has served in roles at various civic-minded organizations around Milwaukee, including the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, and Our Next Generation.

David has been recognized for his work by 500 Black Tuxedos (“Man of Distinction”), the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee (Grootemaat Excellence Award), Active Elements Foundation (“25 Activists Under 25 Who Can Change the World”), and the National Council of La Raza/U.S. Marine Corps (Youth Leadership Award).

David holds a B.A. in History from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and was a member of the Latino Non-Profit Leadership Class at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

