

Josie Williams Professional Bio



Josie Williams is the Founder/CEO of Envision Consultant Group, a firm committed to promoting shared power in communities. Envision is grounded in lived experience, cross-sector organizing and advocacy expertise, to drive policy and system change led by community residents and supported by institutions, philanthropy, and community partners.

Ms. Williams previously served as Executive Director of the Greensboro Housing Coalition (GHC), a leading affordable housing advocacy agency in Greensboro. Under her leadership, GHC became a pivotal agency in advancing environmental change and addressing root causes of health outcomes within underserved neighborhoods in the city of Greensboro.

Josie has demonstrated the power of collaborating across sectors—including government, academia, and health systems while leading community-centered health initiatives that focus on addressing social determinants of health. Ms. Williams believes in fostering sustainable change through listening, prioritizing community voice and evidence-based research. She is skilled in authentic community engagement strategy, social impact, and coalition building. Josie understands how to build sustainability into grassroots efforts.

Williams has been honored for her work with a number of awards and recognitions: the Stella J. Adams Fair Housing Advocate Award in recognition of her work and commitment to the fair housing and civil rights of North Carolinians (2022); the Sojourner Truth Award from Greensboro chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, their highest award given to a woman whose life parallels the life and qualities of Sojourner Truth (2019); the National Grassroots Policy and Community Engagement Award from Communities Joined in Action (2018). She has served on numerous boards and commissions, including Care Share Health Alliance, Greensboro Housing Authority, and North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

Williams earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Community and Justice Studies from Guilford College and is a Master of Public Administration Candidate in Nonprofit Management at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has received certificates in leadership, advocacy, and non-profit management from a number of institutions.