



Arlene Vassell

Arlene Vassell (she, her, and hers) serves as the Vice President of Programs, Prevention & Social Change at the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. She joined NRCDV as staff in 2015. Prior to joining staff, she served for several years as Vice-Chair of NRCDV's Board of Directors. Arlene provides leadership to NRCDV's Programs & Prevention Team and oversees several key initiatives, including NRCDV's Training Institute, the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, preventIPV Tools for Social Change and the Transforming the Gender-Based Violence Movement: Increasing BIPOC Representation and Actualizing Accountability Project. Arlene has over 25 years of multi-faceted experience within the movement to end gender-based violence. Her "formal" advocacy work began in Virginia at the YWCA Women's Advocacy Program. She later worked at the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance and the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Arlene has served on numerous community-based, state-level, and national committees and workgroups tasked with identifying and addressing emerging issues and trends and creating innovative approaches to domestic violence intervention and prevention. She has received many awards and recognitions for her advocacy work.

Arlene is a proud immigrant, born in Jamaica; a mother, a mentor, an Auntie, an entrepreneur, a published author, a storyteller, a thought-leader, a joy-seeker, and a hope dealer.