

Organizing for Equity from the Ground Up

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[Danielle Atkinson](#) has extensive experience as a church-based, electoral, and community organizer. She has worked with organizations such as America Votes, State Voices, Population Connection and ACORN. In 2012, Atkinson founded Mothering Justice, a leadership development and advocacy organization. Atkinson has led organizing efforts to raise the minimum wage in both Florida and Michigan. Mothering Justice also led the fight to get earned paid sick time in Michigan. Her work organizing mothers won her the 2013 Michigan Organizer of the Year Award. Atkinson received bachelor's degrees in political science and sociology from Pfeiffer University and lives in Royal Oak, Michigan, with her husband Frank and their six children.



Danielle Atkinson

National Executive Director & Founder



[LaDon Love](#) is the Executive Director of SPACES In Action/SIA. SIA is a membership-based community organization that focuses in the District of Columbia in wards 5, 7, and 8, as well as, Maryland in Montgomery County. In 2019, SIA was a lead organization in the campaign that secured \$15.8 million in the DC budget for childcare and health services for DC families raising children from birth to three. In 2020, SIA coordinated mutual aid in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and began its first GOTV campaign that included voter registration, candidate forums, and voter education. LaDon has over two decades of experience in community, leadership, and organizational development. She uses grassroots organizing to engage in local, state, and national campaigns to affect public policy. She works with local leaders to identify issues and develop solutions to improve the lives of low and moderate-income families, and their community.



LaDon Love

Executive Director



[Mica Whitfield](#) is a nonprofit leader and women's advocate with more than a decade of experience in program development and advocacy. She is fiercely passionate about improving the quality of life for women across the State of Georgia. She is the State Director for 9to5 Georgia where she works on economic justice for working women, overseeing every aspect of the Chapter's work. In her previous position, she served as the Director of Programs for Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia (HMHBGA). There she managed several programs, grants, advocacy initiatives, and policy-level workgroups for the organization. In addition, she serves as the Vice President and Advocacy Chair for Postpartum Support International- Georgia Chapter. Mica received her Master's in Social Work from Clark Atlanta University and a B.S in Social Work from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Mica enjoys spending time with her two children, Justice and Joy.



Mica Whitfield

State Director, Georgia

