

Savvy Shabazz

BIO

Savvy Kareem Abdul Shabazz is a graduate of Jefferson Community and Technical College where he was the first person to earn "The African American Studies Degree" from the college along with his Associates in Arts. Mr. Shabazz earned Dean's List Honors and the Outstanding Achievement Award. He continued his educational journey at the University of Louisville where he studied Pan African Studies and Social Change. He is also the recipient of the Pan African Studies Scholarship Award while studying at the University.

Mr. Shabazz has been an active participant in several groups and organizations in Louisville, KY such as Network for Community Change, Change Makers, Louisville Urban League, ACLU, KFTC, 2018 Bingham Fellow, Leadership Louisville, Mayor's Resilience Steering Committee, JCPS Alternative School Task Force, and a host of other organizations throughout the city of Louisville, KY.

Nationally Mr. Shabazz is a member and actively involved with Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted People and Families Movement (FICPFM), All of Us or None (President of Louisville chapter), Dream Corp, Just Leadership USA, and inaugurated into the 2018 BMe Genius Fellowship where he earned a proclamation from Louisville's Mayor proclaiming June 7th to be Savvy Shabazz Day in Louisville, KY. Earning a Citation of Achievement from The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky along with being named to the 2019 class of Community Justice Action Fund Speakers Bureau, 2019 Mass Story Lab Speakers Bureau and 2023 Just Leadership USA Leading with Conviction graduate.

Mr. Shabazz was a Client Advocate for The Bail Project where he assisted with providing bail and resources to individuals to end the cash bail system across the nation. Previously Mr. Shabazz was the Assistant Director of Student Success and Community Engagement with the 15K Rise Together Initiative at Jefferson Community and Technical College, a case manager with Reimage, a program that provides links to training and employment to young adults ages 18 to 24 who are involved in the court system, Lead Organizer for Zones of Hope through the Louisville Urban League, where he worked to improve the livelihood and outcomes for young black men and boys ages 16-27 in disproportionate neighborhoods in Louisville, KY.

He did this with a large team effort in the communities and a team of other partnerships throughout Louisville. He connected individuals to employment leads, educational leads and leadership skills. Mr. Shabazz was also a case manager for Pivot to Peace, where he worked with victims of violence to offer an opportunity for them to identify and address the factors in their lives that placed them in paths of violence. Most recently, he was the Program Director with Center for Employment opportunities, where he assists individuals with transitional employment and training opportunities after incarceration. Mr. Shabazz was granted a gubernatorial pardon by Governor Andy Beshear November 12, 2020 for his passion and commitment to improve the nation, the state of Kentucky and its communities. He is now focused solely on the work of his non profit Life Coach Each One Teach One Reentry Fellowship.

After being sentenced to a total of 28 years for non-violent drug offenses in McCracken County, Mr. Shabazz is dedicated to developing "Life Coach Each One Teach One Re Entry Fellowship" which offers awareness and prevention to the 3P's (Prison, Probation and Parole) and prepares individuals to return to their families and communities from incarceration. Recently, establishing Savvy Shabazz Solutions, LLC he is focused on facilitating his life skills training, digital training, post incarceration syndrome presentation and voter engagement and education trainings. He offers consulting and coaching to organizations to better prepare to work with formerly incarcerated people. His podcast is now in its 3rd season and he is leading a statewide campaign to abolish slavery in the commonwealth of Kentucky's constitution.