



## SHIMEKIA NICHOLS, LEAD ORGANIZER

Full time activist, mother, life-long learner, experienced facilitator, writer, entrepreneur and SCAO (State Court Admin Office) certified Mediator since 2008 by **Oakland Mediation Center**.

I have over 12 years of work experience at **Timbuktu Academy of Science and Technology** and **Aisha Shule/ Dubois Prep Academy**, two of Detroit’s most noted Michigan Public School Academies in a variety of positions and capacities. I have consistently sat on various community improvement committees, attended town halls and community forums since 2001.

During my earlier work as an entrepreneur of my first business venture; a virtual assistant start-up **Cre@tive Clerical Solutions**, allowed me to work on campaigns for, **Shamayim Shu Harris**, Highland Park, currently the founder and director of **Avalon Village**, which is home to Jakobi Ra Park and the first solar street light within the city limits of Highland Park. I make time to present at Avalon Village's annual **Hood Camp** event, providing a conflict resolution workshop on restorative justice and peer mediation techniques to the children.

I have volunteered for and/or worked in collaboration with the following community organizations: **Children’s Defense Fund- Freedom Schools**, **Sankofa Leadership Society**, **The New Community**; **Detroit Supports Women In Entrepreneurship (DSWIE)**; **Feed Da Streetz**; **Ryder Technologies**; **Detroit Black Food Security Network (DTown Farm)**; **We the People of Detroit**; **Advocates for Baxter (Baxter Beats Bullies)**, **Sierra Club**, **Field Street Collective**; most recently as a member and education committee leader of **New Era Detroit**.

I have done several interviews for publicly shown documentaries about the city of Detroit; been a guest presenter at **The Greening of Detroit**, facilitating a workshop on Family Emergency Preparedness, **Better Me Luncheons**, themed: “All About the Children”; have a featured article in the February 2014 issue of **From The Inside Out Mag.com**. on Conciliation as well as other blog posts while working with **WIRFY Writing It Right For You**.



#waterbrigade's first anniversary celebration at #Jakobi-Ra park. We learned and shared a lot about the realities of educational death in urban communities and specifically the lack of options within city limits for working #Detroit parents and single moms.



I've spoke on a NOI Panel for **Justice or Else Campaign** on the importance of education, I shared a panel with Baxter Jones (A4B org), Keith Horton (**Revolutionary Minds Cinema**), Charles Bell (Local Politician) and B Anthony (C3- **Conscious Community Cooperative** enterprises) on Self-Determination, the Black Community & Corporate/Govt Bullying hosted by **ReadyoRadio** (Youtube) and accepted the invitation to **We The People of Detroit & DCATS** People’s Potluck last year leading the community discussion on the Detroit Water Shut-offs as well as wrote article titled

**“Drowning Detroit in Despair”**. Most recently I was a guest on the **910AM Superstation** show hosted by Minister Educator, and Artist “Mama” Mayowa Reynolds promoting an upcoming Survival & Family Preparedness workshop series.

I have attended **StartUp Weekend** via **BizdomU** under the conglomerate **Quicken Loans/ Title Source Inc.** I have attended professional development workshops with organizations such as the **Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center, OACES, Wayne RESA, and MAPSA.** My most recent accomplishment was completing **ProsperUS Detroit’s** Entrepreneur Training under **Southwest Solutions** in 2014.



I am considered a strong advocate for the families, youth and equal education rights in the city of Detroit. I have home-schooled my son, Seven Jamari, for the past 4 years and recently began organizing a homeschool cooperative, HHSC-Detroit or **Harambee Home School Co-Op**, led by parents of early learners with like minds and lifestyles. I am currently working on a degree in Child Development at **Marygrove College.**

I look forward to working with and for you. I became interested in the works of Soulardarity as first an energy consumer and when the opportunity arose to speak on behalf of the people I couldn't let the moment pass by to contribute to the unification for energy democracy. You can be assured of excellent work, dedication and passion. I look forward to getting to know each of you better and capitalizing on our unique strengths to ignite the community and push this movement further.



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*“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”*

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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