



Kiana Calloway- New Orleans, LA

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Kiana Calloway, is a strong liberated black man, whose purpose is to prevent another Kiana from becoming victimized by the criminal justice system. At 16, Kiana was wrongfully arrested and convicted on 2 capital murder charges, and sentenced to serve 2 life terms in prison. Allowing time to serve him, not serving time is what helped him push past the pain. Twenty-four years later, he is the founding director of Project Detour Mentoring, a core member of various organizations across the country, executive director of Roots of Renewal NOLA Reentry, and as a certified behavioral health technician managing various programs including prison prevention for at-risk youth, job training for people returning home from incarceration. Kiana has been leading multiple criminal justice reform campaigns in Louisiana. Kiana hopes to continue to educate, organize and mobilize local people whose households are most impacted by mass incarceration and economic injustice to demand fair access to employment, education, housing and increase awareness of mass incarceration issues in Louisiana politics, and expand the reach of political education on issues and candidates to folks that have been traditionally left out of the conversation and decision-making processes.