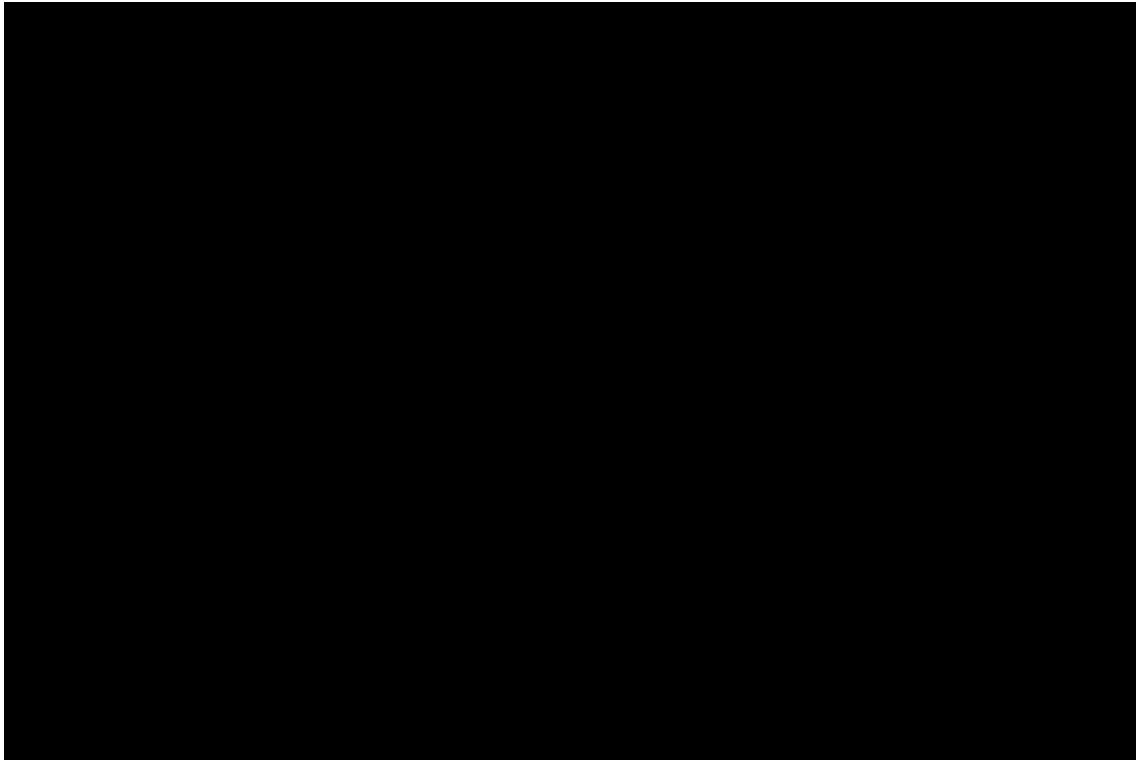




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Meet the Team



Michaela Penix



Michaela Penix is the March of Dimes Director of Maternal Infant Health for North Carolina. She has her Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Masters in Public Health with a concentration in Health Behavior and Program Evaluation and graduate certificates in Women's Studies and Ethnic and Rural Health Disparities. She has worked to improve the health of communities for nearly 20 years, with a focus on women's and children's health and safety. Michaela is passionate about health equity, social justice, and overall efforts to uplift the community. In her spare time, Michaela enjoys traveling, volunteering, and spending time with her family, friends, and sweet puppy, Sarabi (Suh-Rah-Bee).

Danielle Little



Danielle A. Little, MAEd, CLC, is the Professional Education Coordinator for the March of Dimes Ready for Life Campaign. She has supported her community as a Maternal Child Health Professional for over 14 years. She believes in the value of health education, health literacy, and its impact on growing families' overall well-being and success. Danielle holds a bachelor's degree in Child Development from Peace University, a Master's in Adult Education from East Carolina University, and is a 2021 candidate for the Education in Healthcare Certificate from East Carolina University. Danielle is a Birth and Postpartum Doula, Certified Lactation Counselor, and Childbirth Educator.

Shavette Campbell



Shavette D. Campbell hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but has resided in North Carolina for over a decade. Shavette serves as a Health Education Program Services Coordinator and Communications Coordinator for March of Dimes, focusing on peer education programs and communications. Shavette earned her Masters of Public Health from East Carolina University with a concentration in Community Health and Health Behavior. She also received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from UNC-Greensboro. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and is a trained Childbirth Doula. Shavette serves as the Vice President and Executive Board member of Empowering Brazilian Youth (EBY), a non-profit organization located in Sergipe, Brazil. Shavette supported EBY during her undergraduate practicum in Sergipe, Brazil, and continues to provide support through health education promotion, program planning, and community research. Shavette enjoys traveling, Latin dance, spending time with friends and family, and fighting for social justice and health equity

Taj Morgan



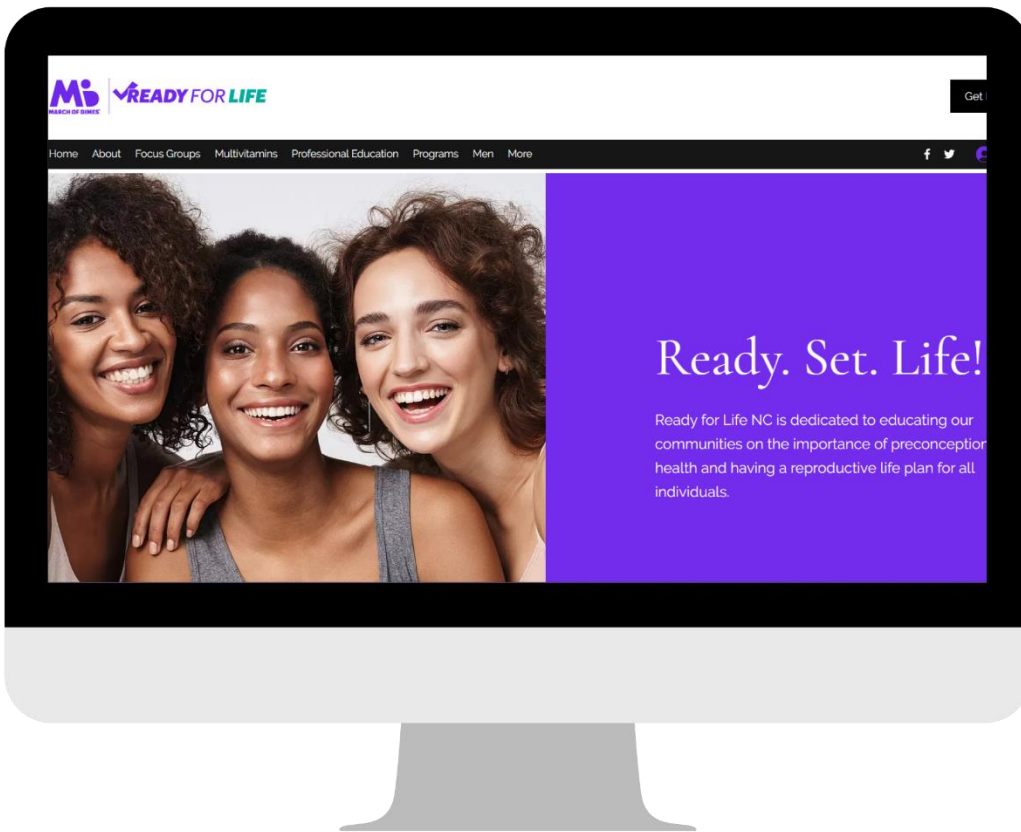
Taj Morgan is the Mission Support Coordinator for March of Dimes, and he currently works full time as a Project Coordinator and Health Care Navigator for Project STYLE 2.0. This research study focuses on healthcare access for young Black men living with HIV at the Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research at Duke University.

Taj is a 2019 graduate of UNC Charlotte with a degree in Health Systems Management. He was very active during his time as an undergrad and was engaged in many organizations and leadership positions on campus. His experience as peer health educator-led him to find his interest in public health, as he enjoyed creating programs and presentations on sexual health and overall wellness.

As a Phi Beta Sigma Inc., Fraternity member, he contributed to his fraternity's social action initiative by collaborating with March of Dimes to create a philanthropy event to address maternal health disparities, infant prematurity, and showing the power of active fatherhood.

With these experiences solidifying his passion for public health, Taj is now pursuing an MPH in Health Behavior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. With interests in sexual, reproductive, and maternal health, he plans to address the health disparities and stigma that marginalized communities face while creating resources and supporting them through health programming.

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