

## **Shimaine Holley Bio**

Shimaine Holley spent time in Georgia's foster care system until she aged out at 21. Throughout her transition, she worked as a Regional Coordinator and Regional Impact Liaison for MAAC (Multi-Agency Alliance for Children). In 2017, she had the opportunity to sit on the Foster Youth in Action's Leaders United Board. Before becoming an Outstanding Young Leader in 2017, Shimaine received the 2017 Nancy Cannon-O'Connell Outstanding Youth Leadership Award, the Georgia Conference 2017 Outstanding Youth Award, the Foster Club 2018 Outstanding Youth Award, and the Shining Star Award from the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children in 2019. She is a graduate of Albany State University with two degrees in sociology.

Shimaine is the Founder and CEO of Change Is Inevitable LLC, which provides training on adolescent brain development, connecting education to the workforce, authentic youth engagement, juvenile justice, and more.

As a Fellow with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, she has traveled to several states to speak on improving systems using data and strategic planning. Shimaine currently resides in Texas, where she impacts systems as a Site Coordinator for the Department of Defense. Her time in care inspired her to create change across all systems and she hopes to continue influencing systems on a greater level to foster change and true partnerships.