



Shawna Davie is the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) South Regional Project Manager at the new Race Forward. The new Race Forward is the union of two leading racial justice non-profit organizations: Race Forward and Center for Social Inclusion (CSI). Davie provides deep technical assistance and support to local and regional governmental jurisdictions working to advance racial equity in the South. Prior to joining the new Race Forward, Shawna lead efforts to develop national strategic relationships, implement innovative internal operations, and develop strategy for Healthy Communities at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Davie founded and served as executive director of *Alignment Jackson* at United Way of the Capital Area in Jackson, MS where she raised startup funds, implemented a regional drop-out prevention campaign, and led a team that increased graduation rates by 11 percent at a high poverty, low-income high school in the state's largest urban school district. She also directed United Way's education initiative, a project that increased graduation rates dramatically and improved third grade literacy scores district-wide by 15 percent. Her work with Alignment Jackson and United Way of the Capital Area has demonstrated her strengths in bringing cross-sector service providers, families, advocates, and city leaders together to make a difference in communities of color. Ms. Davie's career began with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Mississippi as a community organizer and lobbyist, where her work focused on reproductive health and justice, youth development, juvenile justice.

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