

Ms. Evans is a trained facilitator, public health educator and Truth Racial Healing Transformation Racial Healing Circles practitioner. She has specialized training in health equity and social justice, cultural intelligence, unconscious/implicit bias, as well as Technologies of Participation facilitation. Denise works closely with the National Healthy Start Association, the National Association of County & City Health Officials and state and local health departments on issues of equity, justice, bias and inclusion.

For the past 20 years, she has worked diligently to join community organizers, faith-based organizations and public health professionals together to disrupt systems of oppression and build a more equitable future for those living in our nation's most vulnerable communities. Ms. Evans is a two-time past chair of Spectrum Health's System Inclusion Council and a founding member of the Greater Grand Rapids Racial Equity Network. She invests her time mentoring seminarians locally and public health professionals nationally while serving her local church as the pastor of outreach and development.

Ms. Evans holds graduate degrees from the Southern California School of Ministry and Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. She has been recognized for her accomplishments as co-author in the Maternal and Child Health Journal, received the Woman of Influence Award from Cornerstone University, the Community Leadership Award from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, and was recognized by the Kent County Health Department for her passionate and tireless work to eliminate health inequities and the corresponding racialized outcomes that plague our nation Denise officially launched Consult Me, LLC and provides training, education, and ecumenical support in the areas of equity, justice, bias, and microaggressions with the ability to incorporate a theological lens for communities of faith. She is the mother of one amazing son Brian, and the grandmother to three amazing people Brianna, Jesse Brian, and Brian III.

