

Marisa Wissman, B.A.

Marisa Wissman (she, her, hers) serves as a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Specialist for the School and Youth Department at The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio. Marisa facilitates workshops and trainings for youth and adults in education on eliminating racism, bias and bigotry.

Growing up in Northern California, Marisa studied classical piano and rowed on her college rowing team. She was a Liberal Studies graduate with a concentration in Music from the California State University Sacramento and a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential recipient from California State University of San Francisco. Marisa served as an elementary school educator in the Bay Area, California where she was placed on an Equity Team of Teacher Trainers. This began her foundational studies on racism and equity in education, including culturally responsive teaching and identifying bias in schools.

In 2008, Marisa, her husband and two children moved to Northeast Ohio. She has since owned and operated a private music studio providing lessons and piano festival opportunities to children and adults. She feels passionately about connecting the process and creativity of learning music to all aspects of her life.

Marisa is currently enrolled in the Masters of Adult Learning and Development program through Cleveland State University. Her focus of study includes research on policy and funding for transitional programs for non-traditional adult learners as well as lifting the voices and experiences of historically marginalized groups in adult education.

Experience:

- *Design and facilitation of workshops on diversity, equity, inclusion, and race*
- *Design and delivery of culturally relevant and responsive curriculum utilizing data and formative assessments*
- *Mentored Student Teachers from the Developmental Teaching Program at University California Berkeley*
- *Design and implementation of educator peer observation schedules to foster a climate of discussion and reflection regarding individual bias*



EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATES

Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Studies

California State University Sacramento, Sacramento, CA

Cultural, Linguistic, and Diversity

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential,
California State University, San Francisco.
San Francisco, CA

Training

Glenn Singleton, Courageous Conversations around Race. San Leandro, CA

Dr. Sharroky Hollie, Culturally Responsive Teaching. San Leandro, CA

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