



Leslie Paije Credle

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Leslie Credle is a Boston-based anti-prison organizer, as well as a graduate of Northeastern University and Information Technology Administrator for NeighborWorks America. 2020 Cohort of Columbia University, Women Transcending Collective Leadership Institute.

In addition to serving Justice 4 Housing as its Executive Director, in 2019 she was appointed to the Senator James Eldridge Solitary Confinement Leadership Advisory Board. Leslie is a member of the National Council's #FreeHer National Advisory Committee and one of the founding members of the People Not Prisons Coalition.

Leslie was released from Federal Prison in 2018. Her lived experience led her to champion a new Massachusetts bill, sponsored by Senator Creem & Representative Chyna Tyler's, S.1559 & H1900 bills, known as the "Keeping Families Connected" campaign. Since release she has been on a mission to dismantle the carceral system and end incarceration for women and girls. Sadly, while incarcerated, Leslie endured the loss of her beloved daughter, Brianna aka "Breezy" to gun violence. Turning her pain into purpose & utilizing her lived experience, Leslie has become a fierce prison abolitionist and social justice advocate.

You can find Leslie advocating for formerly incarcerated individuals and justice-involved individuals, to obtain sustainable equitable housing. Leslie is someone to pay attention to. She is destined to be a leader in the movement to end incarceration of women and girls.

- **Leadership Superpower:** "My superpower is that I look like the constituency we serve. They trust me and identify with me. Being formerly incarcerated, members feel safe knowing that I come from the same place they come from and understand their plight. Therefore, they are inspired. Seeing a peer doing the work, it makes them more eager to want to get involved, allowing me to pass the torch easily."
- **What brings her joy:** Walking and driving with music on, meditating and playing a game of pool.
- **Theme Song:** "Everybody Deserves to be Free" by The Resistance Revival Chorus & Deva Mahal.