

# Mya C. White, LLMSW

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## Education

**Western Michigan University**

*Master of Social Work*

**Heidelberg University**

*Bachelors of Science*

Psychology & Criminology

**License Number**

6851117031

## Passions

Black & Brown Mental Health

Client Rights & Ethics

Community Support & Belonging

Disability Inclusion

Racial Justice and Healing

Survivor of Violence Support

## Accomplishments

Completion of university Title IX needs assessment resulting in major policy and program changes

Conducted national DVAM culturally-specific presentation

Creation of department-wide resource folder; 90+ victim resources available

Grew operational budget 10x original

## Certifications

Confidentiality (FERPA/HIPAA)

Culturally Responsive Practices

Developmentally Appropriate Care

Inclusivity of Disabled Clients

Linguistic Adaptability Services

## Objective

*Looking to make a beneficial impact in my community while promoting anti-oppression*

## Work Experience

**Choices for Change Counseling Services**

**Kalamazoo Michigan**

*Therapist*

January 2024-Present

- Engage therapeutic healing modalities and techniques
- Provide comprehensive and adaptive care to clients

**Empowered Existence**

**Kalamazoo Michigan**

*Executive Director*

September 2023-Present

- Oversee budget and operations for victim service organization
- Provide advocacy support and resources to trauma survivors

**Michigan Disability Rights Coalition**

**Michigan**

*Disability Advocate*

November 2023-December 2023

- Develop educational programming for BIPOC communities
- Review and enhance violence prevention policies for inclusion

**YWCA Kalamazoo**

**Kalamazoo Michigan**

*Campus and Special Populations SA Advocate*

March 2022-November 2023

- Assist survivors in navigating trauma, institutions, and systems
- Support clients with safety planning, reports, and resourcing

*Domestic Violence ERT Advocate*

November 2021-March 2022

- Respond to all domestic violence crisis calls
- Coordinate with the surrounding public safety systems

**WMU Resiliency Center**

**Kalamazoo Michigan**

*Graduate Research Assistant*

July 2021-May 2022

- Research the scales for triage and trauma purposes
- Review leading trauma, wellbeing & resiliency research

**Heidelberg University Title IX/Human Resources**

**Tiffin Ohio**

*Front Office Staff*

January 2020-May 2021

- Serve as the Title IX student representative
- Create an inclusive and welcoming front office space

## Fellowship Experience

**I-PEER (Interprofessional Peer Education & Evidence for Recovery)**

*Peer Professional*

September 2022- April 2023

- Routinely meet for group education and peer discussion
- Hold peers and self accountable for inclusion-centered learning

## Trainings

Campus Violence & Title IX  
Cohesive Communication  
LGBTQIA+ Clients Inclusivity  
Organizational Culture Development  
Racial Equity & Injustice  
Trauma-Informed Supervision

## Skills

Critical and Complex Conversations  
Communications & Engagement  
Data & File Organization  
Educational Material Creation  
Equity-Based Assessment/ Analysis  
Media & Design  
Policy Review & Advisement  
Public Speaking  
Strategic Planning  
Training & Facilitation

## Previous Achievements

Alpha Phi Sigma President  
Greek Life Council Chief Justice  
Greek Life Council Diversity Chair  
Order of Omega VP of Programming  
Philalethean Society Parliamentarian  
Philalethean Society Public Relations  
Title IX Hearing Advisor

## Volunteer Experience

### Autumnwood Assisted Living

Assist those with intellectual disabilities at winning bingo

### CancerFree Kids

Raised \$2,000+ toward Childhood Cancer Research

### It's On Us - Consensual Kisses

Hold educational events on consent safety and awareness

## Facilitation Experience

### Being a Black Advocate: Challenges of Workplace Racism

*Ujima, National Center for Violence Against Black Women*

- Conduct a seminar on the impacts black social workers face

### Preparing for Emergency: BIPOC Youth & Disability

*Michigan Disability Rights Coalition*

- Preparing disabled BIPOC youth and parents for emergency

### Technology & Violence

*YWCA Kalamazoo*

- Discussed how technology elicits new forms of violence

### Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations and Emergency Protocols

*YWCA Kalamazoo*

- Lead 16-hour training on emergency services provided

## Research Experience

### Investigate Students' Knowledge and Perceptions of Title IX

*Hypothesis was supported*

- Found that participant knowledge of Title IX was limited. Students were also unaware of how to report and seek help.

## Internship Experience

### YWCA Kalamazoo

**Kalamazoo Michigan**

*Learning Therapist Intern*

September 2022-February 2023

- Provide therapy to survivors of interpersonal violence

*Emergency Response Intern*

September 2021-April 2022

- Serve as a supportive in Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations

### Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Cleveland Ohio**

*Intern*

September 2020-February 2021

- The details of this internship are confidential

### Sisters In Shelter (Human Trafficking & Domestic Violence)

**Tiffin Ohio**

*Intern*

August 2020-November 2020

Lead motivational group sessions and create outreach info

## Awards & Scholarship

### Allen Chapel African American Scholarship

*Received for personal and professional dedication to the health and wellbeing of the African American Community*

### Nita Lou Wallbridge Award

*Received for commitment to Kalamazoo County social change*

### Regina B. Shearn Award

*Received for developing a chapter organization devoted to enhancing equity in the justice system*