



Yen Baynes

Community Engagement Lead

Yen Baynes (she/elle/ella) joined the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities on July 1, 2025. She will lead community and Tribal engagement and outreach efforts, helping the Council build relationships with various partners and communities.

Yen brings over 20 years of experience in grassroots organizing, birth equity, disability justice, emergency preparedness, and CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services), along with five years in Washington State government. Most recently, Yen served as a strategist at the Washington State Department of Health, supporting the integration of racial equity, trauma-informed practice, and community voice into statewide public health efforts.

Yen holds a Master's degree in Education with a focus on policy and community engagement. As a parent, advocate, and someone with lived experience navigating systems that were not built for all of us, she's committed to making equity work real, durable, and community-led. She steps into this role at a time when public health infrastructure is being actively dismantled for too many communities. She stands ready to share her expertise as we work collectively to provide the clarity, collaboration, and courage this moment demands.