## **Panelist Bio**

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Division Director, Behavioral Health and Family & Children's Programs, Alvis, Inc

Makesha has more than 25 years of experience in the human services field, 19 of which are working in behavioral health. She specializes in working with diverse populations with multiple treatment needs, including justice involvement, substance use disorder, trauma, homelessness, co-occurring disorders, and human trafficking. She also has extensive experience in program development in the both the public and private sectors.



Makesha began her career in direct services and consistently progressed into positions of greater responsibility and leadership. Her career encompasses managing multiple behavioral health programs, advocacy, quality assurance, direct care, case management, and service coordination.

At Alvis, Makesha, oversees two outpatient behavioral health treatment centers in Columbus; several recovery housing programs for men, women, and women with children; and multiple behavioral health programs which are co-located with community and residential reentry centers in Columbus, Toledo, Chillicothe and Lima, Ohio.

Makesha is a Licensed Social Worker in addition to having a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Studies from Kent State University.



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