



An anchor and servant leader in St. Louis' inner city communities—Highly recommended and characterized by key stakeholders, Dr. Melissa Nash's boots-on-the-ground approach to intervention...continues to thrive throughout the metropolitan area. As a graduate of Cleveland Naval Jr. Academy, Dr. Nash endures the dedication and depth of knowledge needed to make direct impact. A continued learner; Dr. Nash earned undergraduate degrees in educational studies (Harris-Stowe State University), and Social Work (University of Missouri-St. Louis). She went on to earn a master's degree in Professional Community/School Counseling (UMSL). Dr. Nash worked as an educator and social worker in St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) for a decade prior to accepting a co-created position as a result of the "essential needs" gap. In August, 2014, Dr. Nash became a Full Service Schools Coordinator. Hence, she is recognized for maintaining robust community partnerships, and for providing a plethora of programs and services...most noted, a fully functioning FREE healthy food store in the heart of St. Louis city. Dr. Nash was ordained March, 2015 (married two couples). In July, 2016, she became Founder/CEO of The NASH Association (*Network Advocates Seeing Hope*), a non-profit organization providing resources/consulting to distinctive communities. December, 2017, Dr. Nash obtained her Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Maryville University) where she studied abroad in London, England and mastered research on Military Veterans in Higher education post war-time. She was awarded *The Spirit of St. Louis* and *Proclamation* (State Senate office)—for outstanding and distinguished leadership. She has certifications in Mild/Moderate Cross Categorical Special Education and Building-level Administration. Dr. Nash joined both the Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) and Neighborhood Leadership Fellows (NLF) at UMSL Extension, as well as LeadMO. An established Author, Dr. Melissa Nash is the Founder of Nash Publishing LLC, and sits on the executive boards of Yeatman-Liddell (President) and O'Fallon Community Developing Organization (Co-Treasurer). She is currently developing a Luxury Youth Center to continue her efforts in the community.