

Vivian Anderson

Vivian Anderson is a healer-activist dedicated to building a world where all Black girls thrive. Since 1996, Vivian's work has been rooted in youth, teen, family and community health/well-being, racial and social justice. Vivian began her career as a teacher in 1996 at Timbuktu Academy of Science and Technology, then moved to NYC where she would run programs and become a Senior Director at the YMCA of Greater New York from 2000-2013. In 2012-2013, she became interim Executive Director of Momentum Teens, where program enrollment reached their highest numbers compared with previous years. Since 2014 she has been a member of BlackLivesMatter NYC.

In 2015, Vivian traded the rich networks of her home in New York City, for many unknowns in Columbia, SC. Her courage was inspired by that of two young Black girls, introduced to the world when a school resource officer at Spring Valley High School brutally assaulted one, Shakara, for refusing to hand over a cell phone, and threatened and arrested another, Niya, for standing up for Shakara in a moment when nobody else did. Thus, the #EveryBlackGirl campaign was born.

Since then, the #EveryBlackGirl campaign has become EveryBlackGirl, Inc, a 501c3 focused on creating the radical systemic change that is needed to have a world worthy of the genius and heart of Every Black Girl.