

Wanda Irving, MPA
Co-Founder/President
Dr. Shalon's Maternal Action Project

Wanda Irving has served as the Managing Partner of Irving Associates for the past 15 years, where she provides technical, consulting and coaching services to various nonprofits in the areas of leadership, organizational development and project management.

Early in her career, Ms. Irving developed a passion for and a track record in leading community betterment and social change initiatives. For nearly three decades, she worked in the federal government, city government, faith-based organizations and the non-profit arena where she focused her energies on positively impacting communities and individuals by providing effective leadership and helping organizations to develop meaningful partnerships through shared visions that achieve innovative solutions to complex community issues.

In January 2017, Ms. Irving's daughter, Shalon Irving, PhD, MPH, MS, CHES died from childbirth related complication, three weeks after the birth of her daughter. Devastated by her daughter's untimely and completely preventable death, Ms. Irving has become a staunch advocate for eradicating maternal mortality deaths among Black women, while raising her now five-year-old granddaughter.

Ms. Irving received a Masters of Public Administration from Baruch/CUNY College as a National Urban Fellow, and an A.B. in English/American Studies from Dartmouth College, among the first class of women at Dartmouth. She was a 2010 graduate of Leadership Maryland and has served as an Ombudsman to the Department of Defense ESGR office since 2013.