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**Renika Atkins LMSW, B.S.** Speaker |Coach and Consultant| Founder |Black Girl Tech Investor|

Renika Atkins is an intensely motivated, driven and powerful speaker that has changed the lives of everyone who has had the opportunity to hear her speak. She is extremely diverse in her professional experiences. Not only is Renika a Licensed Master Social Worker in the State of Texas, she is also a successful nonprofit multi-business owner of Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering (RISE) and Atkins Powerhouse Consulting, LLC. Simultaneously, she is a Healthcare IT professional, graduate school Guest Lecturer and Black Girl Tech Investor, proudly representing the 3-5% of colored women employed in technology.



With over 8 years of community impact and social service experience, Renika has worked with numerous populations and has provided consultation trainings to over a thousand service professionals, social workers, executives and much more.Her nonprofit R.I.S.E. is the first and only nonprofit organization to create a STEM program that enhances, encourage and empower girls in foster care to pursue STEM related careers and education. Renika is a powerhouse in everything that she does, enlightening and promoting positive energy through her speaking, consultations and coaching. She is an incredibly passionate and experienced speaker, guiding her clients with disadvantaged backgrounds to help them grow and succeed.

Renika Atkins provided a plethora of in-depth and helpful information that will prove to be useful in a professional's interactions with former students of foster youth. She provided information about her own life as a foster youth and shared multiple other possible scenarios professionals will encounter. The bottom line that I got out of it is to treat each person you meet with dignity and respect, recognize them as individuals and don't prejudge and to set boundaries. I was extremely impressed and I highly recommend Renika Atkins as a knowledgeable, compassionate and highly competent professional

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## Presentation Topics

- You Are the Resource: Builling Capacity and Community Engagement
- Let's Talk: Building Effective Communication Skills
- The Resilient Provider
- Cracking the Nonprofit Code
- Plan. Prepare. Practice: Climbing the Ladder to Success





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