

Courtnai Calloway(-McCurdy) is the VP & Director of Administrative Operations for Black Moon Group, a governmental contract company with subsidiaries specializing in security guard services, general supplies and product development. Courtnai has over 20 years HR/Employee Relations and Government Liaison experience between her current position and her years at the Cook County Public Defender Office.

Courtnai believes in living a purpose driven life. Her passion for women and youth centric community engagement fueled her early entrepreneurial and volunteer efforts. After attaining a degree in Business and Administration (with an emphasis on Marketing and Management), she received training through the Women's Self Employment Project '94 entrepreneurial program and the Chicago Women's Business Development Center. With this training, her degree and work experience, she has either founded, co-founded, or held a volunteer leadership role in several community based or membership organizations in the past two decades.

Ms. Calloway sees herself as a conduit of community focusing on creating and engaging in collaborative spaces that aim to enrich the lives of women, youth and families. Born out of a personal birthing experience and a belief that "rising tides lift all boats", she founded Moms 4 New Mothers -a maternal support network to provide connection, community and support for women following childbirth. Courtnai subsequently served as a volunteer with PASS (Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs) of Illinois. She was also one of the co-founders of the Ellis Ave. Community Organization which awarded her the MVP Award (Most Valued Participant) in 2002 for her role in the development of the organization and the success of it's community outreach.

With a passion for youth development, Mrs. Calloway-McCurdy created Teen Summit, a youth enrichment program for middle school and high school students to foster confidence through think tanks, public speaking and community service. She furthered her youth engagement becoming a career counselor at South Christian High School & a member of the local GR chapter of Women In NAACP Youth & Young Adult Engagement cohort. In 2017, she completed a tenure as the longest serving Lead Teen Advisor for the Greater Grand Rapids Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., the oldest mother member African American youth leadership development organization in the country. In April 2019, Courtnai was one of 5 graduated members to charter the JJOA Grand Rapids Chapter Associates Group for the purpose of mentoring the active mothers and supporting the work and growth of the local mothers' chapter.

Courtnai is a wife and mother who holds fast the principles of God and family first. Her past and present involvement and roles in various community, family, faith and business organizations which include:

B.M.W. (Black Men and Women's Network)
Ellis Ave Community Org - Founding Secretary, Past President (2003-2005)
Moms 4 New Mothers - Founder & Director
Teen Summit Youth Group; Dolton, IL & Caledonia, MI Founder & Director
AYSO Region #423 (American Youth Soccer Organization) – Asst. Coach & Parent Rep.
PASS (Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs) Lorimer Church affiliates – Prayer Counselor
South Christian High School – Career Counselor
Kentwood Public Schools District - Parent Representative
Seed2Fruit Inc. – Board Member
Grand Rapids Chapter of Jack & Jill – Teen Advisor
Moms In Touch International- Collegiate Group Leader
R.U.T.H. Mentorship Program - Collegiate and Adult Women's Mentor
Grand Rapids Chapter NAACP W.I.N.
City of Munster and Calumet City Chambers of Commerce

Her current pursuits are her "Joyful Mom-ing" mentorship group, a podcast for balancing business and parenting while maintaining joy and most recently co-hosting the "Life Chats" radio show.