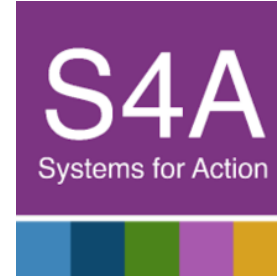
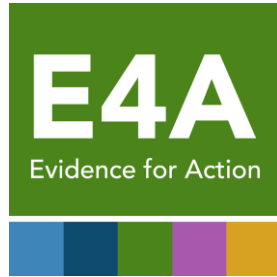


# Challenging the Status Quo: Shifting Power in Research Partnerships



A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 'For Action' Research Programs  
Panel Discussion

October 2, 2024 | 12-1:15pm ET



## Moderator

**Paige Castro-Reyes** | Community-Campus Partnerships for Health

## Panelists

**Jungyoon Kim, PhD** | Evidence for Action

**Tamarie Macon, PhD, Rob Thomas, & Chasity Leake** | Policies for Action

**Latrice Rollins, PhD, Thomas Cotton, & Lease Youmans** | Systems for Action

## Q&A

# Evidence for Action Panelist



**Jungyoon “J.Y.” Kim, PhD**

Dr. Jungyoon “J.Y.” Kim is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Services Research and Administration at the College of Public Health at University of Nebraska Medical Center. Her research relates to adoption and implementation of evidence-based practice (e.g., cancer screening) in diverse health systems and community settings, multi-sector collaboration, and delivery system innovation and patient outcomes. Dr. Kim has a range of experience in health services research, including long-term care management and workforce development, disparity issues and multilevel system changes related to cancer prevention, economic evaluation, and community-based interventions to promote cancer screening. Dr. Kim received her PhD in Health Policy and Administration from the Pennsylvania State University. She enjoys working with communities to improve health outcomes among individuals experiencing health inequity.



# Policies for Action Panelists



**Rob Thomas**

Rob Thomas, Co-Founder of Outspoken Undaunted Revolutionaries of Asheville (OURavl), is a community leader and activist dedicated to addressing systemic inequities. A formerly justice-involved individual, Rob has facilitated over 72 community events and earned numerous awards, including CoThinkk's 2020 Community Leader Award and the 2023 Asheville Black Excellence Experience Award. Through OURavl, he advocates for transitional justice and power redistribution to marginalized communities, using his personal experiences to drive change.



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**Chasity Leake**

Chasity Leake is a versatile healthcare professional with 13 years of experience spanning clinical, research, and leadership roles. As a Registered Nurse, Researcher, Data Analyst, Public Health Advocate, Consultant, and AI Artist/Engineer, she brings a diverse skill set to her work. A twice-published researcher with studies on health disparities and systemic inequality, Chasity holds an Interdisciplinary Bachelor's degree with honors and is pursuing a Master of Public Health. Known for her expertise in data analysis, strategic planning, and leadership, she drives impactful outcomes in both healthcare and public health sectors.



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# Systems for Action Panelists



**Latrice Rollins, PhD, MSW**

Dr. Rollins serves as the PI for the RUSH Project. She is the PI and Co-Investigator for several Federal, State and locally funded research, training, and service initiatives, with 15 years of research and evaluation experience. Dr. Rollins is an Assistant Professor at Morehouse School of Medicine in the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine and Prevention Research Center. She is the lead convener for Fathers Matter ATL.



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**Lease Youmans**

Lease Youmans is the Founder and CEO of Change in Motion. She serves as the Project Coordinator. Lease Youmans is a Life Evolution Coach, mentor, author, business consultant, artist, and speaker. She is a graduate of the MSM Justice-Involved Care Life Coach Certificate program. She is a co-lead for the Addressing Mass Incarceration Strategy of Fathers Matter ATL.



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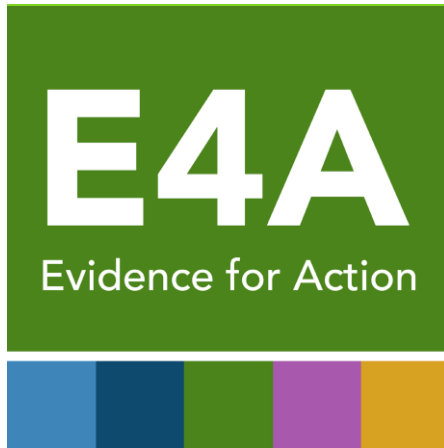
Thomas Cotton, III is the Founder and CEO of Redemption & Advancement Alliance (RAA). He is the RUSH Project Manager. Thomas Cotton has served on the Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) Prevention Research Center Community Coalition Board since 2012 and is the current Vice Chair. He is a co-lead for the Addressing Mass Incarceration Strategy of Fathers Matter ATL.



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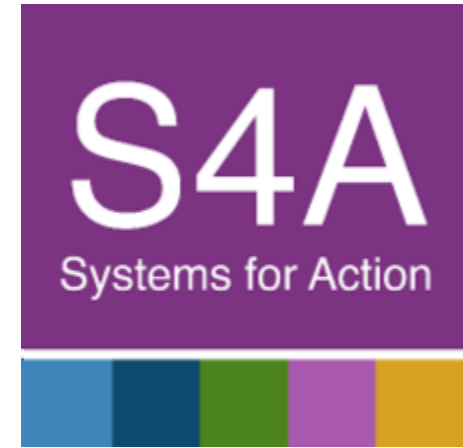
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Using a Cross-Sectoral  
Partnership to Improve  
Prevention and Health  
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A Black Community's  
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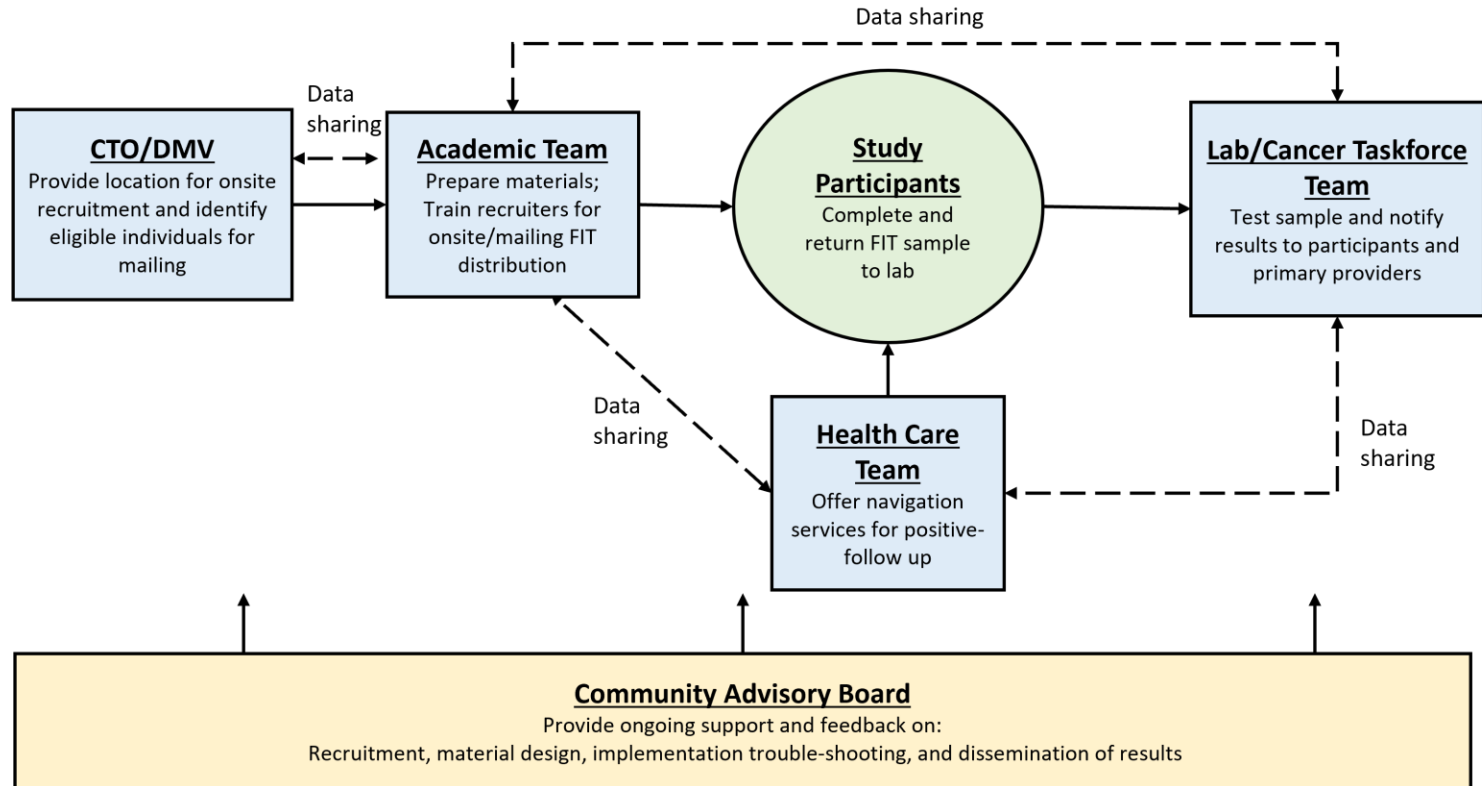
Research to Understand  
Systems of Housing (RUSH):  
Feasibility and Acceptability of  
Aligning Systems for Fathers

# E4A: Using a Cross-Sectoral Partnership to Improve Prevention and Health Equity Among African Americans

- African Americans (AAs) have the highest colorectal cancer mortality rate among all the racial/ethnic groups
- Structural barriers and historical racism contribute to high rates, including limited access to quality healthcare and timely screening.
- DMV is known to be the most populated public service locations but has been undervalued as a place for public health promotion
- This study uses a unique cross-sectoral partnership with Nebraska's DMV to develop a community-based screening program for colorectal cancer



# Cross-Sectoral Partnership to Improve Colon Cancer Screening





# Our Booth at DMV Locations

- From October 2023 to April 2024, 341 AAs joined the study and received the kits
- 25% of them reported no primary care doctor/health insurance
- 129 (37%) kits returned
- 18 found positive
- 6 found polyps and removed



# Question 1

**How does your unique partnership promote health equity and/or address structural racism experienced by BIPOC communities?**

## Question 2

**How does your partnership challenge traditional power dynamics in research?**

## Question 3

**What learnings and recommendations do you have for others who are interested in implementing similar partnerships and interventions?**



# Questions?



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