



A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Dear Comrades, Friends, and Supporters of Access Reproductive Care - Southeast,

Access Reproductive Care Southeast (ARC-Southeast) was co-founded in 2015 by three Black clinic workers in Atlanta who, as health care workers, were witnesses to significant barriers to abortion services. ARC-Southeast was born out of their commitment and as a community-rooted solution to ensuring equitable access to abortion services for all southerners. With seven years of growth behind us, ARC-Southeast is now embarking on a new era of leadership – a national search for our next Executive Director.

Oriaku Njoku became our first Executive Director (ED) in 2016. Since that time, we've grown from a staff of 1 to a team of 11 people committed to ensuring Southerners have the care they want and need. Quita Tinsley Peterson transitioned from the Founding Board to become the Deputy Director in 2017 and soon after became the Co-Executive Director. Together, Oriaku and Quita were able to build the infrastructure and capacity of ARC-Southeast year by year and left the organization with a healthy financial foundation and a new strategic plan. In 2022, we said farewell to our Co-Founder Oriaku Njoku and welcomed Interim ED Jalessah Jackson to craft a plan and guide us through this transition process.

To all of ARC-Southeast's former directors and present interim Executive Director, we say thank you. We wouldn't be where we are today without your fearless and rigorous leadership.

ARC-Southeast provides funding and practical support to ensure Southerners receive safe and compassionate reproductive care including abortion services. Through education, activism, and leadership development, we build power in communities of color to abolish stigma, restore dignity and justice, and create systems change. Our [values](#) have enabled the organization to flourish. To date, the organization has created nearly 25,000 intakes for people in need of abortion care in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Today, ARC-Southeast is a **powerhouse** for abortion services, bringing logistical and funding support throughout the Southeast. We are in a pivotal moment when reproductive justice for birthing folks is being undermined at every interaction with the medical-industrial complex.

We are elated to announce that ARC-Southeast is looking for our next Executive Director to lead us into the future with an intersectional reproductive justice lens and the breadth and depth needed for the future to build a visionary strategy for abortion access in the Southeast. This phase of the search comes at a time when Georgia and the South more widely face a continuous onslaught of attacks on people seeking the reproductive healthcare that they want and need.

For this role, we envision an individual rooted in reproductive justice with a deep commitment to intersectionality and building power through crafting a long-term



strategy for ARC-Southeast. We are looking for a strategic thinker and someone who is committed to building power through organizing within the community. Our next ED must be visionary and forward-thinking, energized by working in teams and coalitions. We seek someone who is ready to take the organization to the next level and who is rooted and committed to the South and fostering Southern synergy.

You – our community members, funding partners, and allies – are also a key part of this search and we invite you to help find ARC-Southeast’s next leader. You can do so by visiting our website and forwarding the [position announcement](#) to all of your contacts.

To conduct our Executive Search and guide the leadership transition process, ARC-Southeast is partnering with Elsa A. Ríos, and her team at [Strategies for Social Change® LLC](#), a woman of color-owned capacity building and leadership development practice dedicated to working with social justice organizations. Feel free to reach out directly to edsearch@arc-southeast.org with any questions or referrals to candidates. To apply for the position, see the instructions in the job announcement.

Thank you for helping us spread the news! We look forward to updating you on the transition process, and the work of ARC-Southeast, in the months ahead.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Daley', written in a cursive style.

Samantha Daley
Chair of the Board of Directors