



**Goddess Tyescha** (she.her/they.them/goddess)  
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Goddess Tyescha is a community influencer who strives towards justice, in order to empower people that have been historically disenfranchised by the current structures in society. She has more than 15 years of experience in local communities with youth and young adults. Originally raised in Harlem, a first-generation New York-Rican, Tyescha has worked in Harlem and the South Bronx on campaigns with local youth, focusing on Education Reform (School-to-Prison Pipeline and Social Justice GED), Environmental Justice (water quality and food access) and Immigration (the original

Dream Act). Goddess is a graduate of Fordham University, with a dual Masters in Education (Social Studies 7-12 and Special Education K-12). Goddess creates a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth through building capacity with compassion and grace. She has also worked with the NAACP, Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice, The Black Women's Alliance, and multiple organizations in New York combating homelessness. Currently, she is board president of The Empowerment Solidarity Network, a member of the NAACP, and is associated with many community and arts groups (Hotcomb Poet) here in Colorado Springs. She is a proud parent, partner, and friend.