



## **Melissa Miles, MA**

Melissa Miles (she/her) is an Environmental and Climate Justice advocate who began her career as a community organizer while living in an Environmental Justice community in Newark, New Jersey. She holds an MA in Anthropology from The New School. Still, she maintains that her knowledge of EJ is rooted in her lived experience and her commitment to ensuring that people at the frontlines are the protagonists in the struggle for their future. Melissa's vision is to support environmental and climate justice for communities rooted in a place where people can live, work, learn, and play in health. She is the Executive Director of New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, a statewide organization working towards a Just Transition with New Jersey's low-income and Of Color communities overburdened by pollution and climate change impacts. Melissa also serves on leadership bodies of the NJDEP's Environmental Justice Advisory Council, the Coalition for Healthy Ports, The Building Equity and Alignment for EJ, and the Climate Justice Alliance.