

## LENSLEY GAY COMMUNITY PARTNER/LIAISON

Lensley Gay is an educator, entrepreneur, and an advocate for children and families. Presently, Ms. Gay is the site coordinator for the New Haven Public School Brennan Rogers Family Resource Center located in Brennan Rogers Magnet School and is one of the 4 Connecticut Department of Education funded centers located in New Haven. Ms. Gay provides additional support to families and students to help to increase success in school. In addition, she collaborates with local community base organizations to enhance the family child support and early child learning and development.

Ms. Gay is a graduate of Bennett College, a historically black college and studied elementary education. She is passionate about parents getting involved with their child right from birth; to foster their child's optimal development.

In 2018 Ms. Gay co-founded a support group for families with incarnated love ones called Support Families and Communities for Justice has helped people advocate for their lone one's juvenile centers or that are incarcerated. The group has attracted the attention of Susan Burton, a CNN Hero in 2010 and a Purpose Prize winner in 2012, Susan resides in California.

Ms. Gay serves on several boards and is the board chair for Woman I am. In 2018 Gay received the Legendary Woman Award. Gay was honored by the Perfect Blend Organization in 2018 with their (legendary award.) Capital letter

