

REBECCA L. BENNETT

Consultant • Trainer • Facilitator • Coach • Speaker



RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rebecca Bennett is Founder and Principal of Emerging Wisdom LLC and its subsidiary, InPower Institute. Launched in 2006, Emerging Wisdom is a forward thinking social enterprise that helps individuals live empowered lives; leaders build impactful organizations, and communities advance brighter futures. At Emerging Wisdom, Rebecca and her team conduct personal and professional growth programs, organizational improvement efforts, and multi-stakeholder social transformation initiatives. Within these focus areas, they help clients experience growth and deepen their impact through an array of offerings, including consulting, training, facilitation and planning, coaching and professional speaking.

In 2010, Rebecca opened InPower Institute, a division of Emerging Wisdom that serves as a center for community healing and optimal living. Through InPower, she has formed an alliance of healers, change agents, activists, educators, faith leaders and wellness practitioners who co-create healing spaces that advance both self-actualization and community transformation. Annually, InPower

offers hundreds of programs and events that spur human growth, creativity and recovery from trauma. Participants are supported in unleashing their personal power and in using this power to create extraordinary lives and a more just and vibrant world.

Through Emerging Wisdom and InPower Institute, Rebecca has helped tens of thousands of people and countless organizations effect positive change in the areas of organizational and community leadership, economic development, racial equity, public health and safety, environmental sustainability, diversity and inclusion and girls and women's and empowerment. Though her areas of interest and expertise are wide-ranging, her work is singularly focused on elevating the human condition. Rebecca is supported in this work by corporate, non-profit and government clients, including Anheuser-Busch InBev, Wells Fargo Advisors, MasterCard Worldwide, the MO Department of Mental Health, the Deaconess Foundation, Focus St. Louis, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Ferguson Commission, For the Sake of All, and Hazelwood School District.

In addition to her professional activities, Rebecca currently serves as Co-Chair of the board of Forward Through Ferguson (the successor organization to the Ferguson Commission) and as Chair of the board of Generate Health (formerly the St. Louis Maternal Child & Family Health Coalition).

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2018 James A. Braun Champion of Children Award – Youth In Need
- 2018 Drum Major Award – Christian Hospital Foundation, BJC HealthCare
- 2015 Leader of Distinction – YWCA of Metro St. Louis
- 2015 Salute to Women in Leadership – Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis
- 2015 The Power 100 – Delux Magazine
- 2013 Woman of Distinction – Professional Organization of Women
- 2012 Community Award in Exemplary Women's Leadership – National Coalition of 100 Black Women Metropolitan, St. Louis Chapter

FELLOWSHIPS

- CORO Fellows Program in Public Affairs, 1998-1999 St. Louis Coro Fellow
- The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, 1995 Truman Scholar

- The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 1995 Woodrow Wilson Fellow

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan School of Public Policy, Master of Public Policy Degree
- Swarthmore College, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, Academic Honors