

## **Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council Member**

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Clarene is a well-seasoned visionary entrepreneur embracing her faith and a kingdom business model to help to transform lives. She has a 35-year history of serving as non-profit servant leader, consultant, substance use disorder and Behavioral Health Counselor, and chef. She is a person with lived experience serving as an advocate for Healing, food, disability, and mental health justice. For the past three years she has served as a California Access Ambassador actively engaging in the promotion of the value of Peer specialist certification, call to action for statewide unified certification policies and access to affordable training. Clarene holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling and a Bachelor's degree in Business administration with emphasis in Organizational Leadership. She is a BBS registered Associate Professional Clinical Counselor and a National Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. She is committed to life-long learning, growing spiritually, and professionally. She is certified in Women's Ministry Specialist, Peer Specialist Supervision, Wellness Recovery Action Plan facilitator, Mental Health First Aid Responder, and Military Counseling. Clarene's passion is spending time with those she shares a mutual relationship with cooking, and reading.