Gloria DeLoach

ABOUT
Gloria DeLoach, BS, MA, is a 2040 Partners for Health Community Research Liaison (CRL) for African American, immigrant, and refugee communities in metro Denver. Gloria also serves as the Infant Mortality Specialist at Denver Public Health, where she is working to impact African American infant mortality rates by addressing disparities health-related and beyond.

CCTSI ENGAGEMENT
Community Research Liaison (CRL)

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT
She is currently working on two sleep projects with them: one addressing adult sleep apnea, and the other looking at sleep patterns of young African American children. As well as creating a virtual platform in which African American women have a safe supported space to meet and share resources, knowledge, and stories.

OUTLOOK
Gloria’s passion for community engagement was brought to light when she became involved with Family Leadership Training Institute (FLTI), where she began to learn how to advocate for children and families as well as how to address complex disparities within the communities she is working with. She then transitioned to public health and simultaneously into her role as a CRL. Through her work, Gloria has learned how fast a community’s needs can change and how important it is to make sure that the research goals align with the priorities of the community. Because of this, Gloria finds it so important that her CRL role allows her to address the issues of her community by challenging the current situation, systems, thinking, projects, and the way we see health equity. She hopes that her efforts will help to foster thriving communities. Communities that can take the knowledge they have to help themselves and change their own realities. Communities that feel confident that they can take leadership and make the changes they need. Gloria wants to see her children grow up in an environment that supports their health and wellbeing and use her skills and abilities to shape that.

“I want to do meaningful work, make an impact on others, and have an avenue to spread my wings; the CRL position gives me this.”