

SPEAKER PROFILE

SHARLENE PROVILUS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | ARTIST | ADVOCATE | SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR



Sharlene is a keynote speaker, spoken word poet, recording artist, and social entrepreneur from Brooklyn, New York. She's also the Founder and CEO of WRITE. SPEAK. INSPIRE.™. She has a professional background in youth development, leadership team development, soft skills training, curriculum design, program management, and entrepreneurship. She is also a fierce youth and family advocate.

Sharlene has worked with one of the largest youth-serving non-profit organizations in the country. She was a Senior Youth and Outreach Director, offering leadership to teams that served over 1,000 elementary, middle, and high school students and families through nearly a dozen after-school programs, community-based programs, and summer camp experiences in under-resourced communities. She has a bachelor of science in sociology with a concentration in marriage and family counseling. Her career has afforded her the opportunity to work with every age group and demographic.

For nearly two decades, Sharlene has been inspiring audiences with her story. She has led workshops, delivered keynotes, and shared her most vulnerable moments through spoken word performances with tens of thousands of people. She's had the rare experience of being adopted twice in one lifetime and is a survivor of child sexual abuse.

Now, she travels all over, educating people on the power of adoption and inspiring them to get involved in supporting foster youth. She's passionate about sharing her lived experiences through her work as an artist and speaker.

Sharlene uses her background in performing arts to advocate and bring awareness to issues that impact the most vulnerable in our community. She leads, creates, and speaks from a deep place of authenticity. Her ability to capture audiences on stage as a performing artist gives her a distinct advantage as a keynote speaker and trainer. She is by far one of the most captivating communicators of her generation.

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- Why is foster care and adoption such an important topic?
- How are you using the power of your words to change the world?
- How has your faith journey been impacted by trauma? What encouragement, if any, do you have for others?
- In what ways can someone develop resilience mentally and emotionally after experiencing trauma?
- Do you believe childhood trauma is impacting the way you show up in the world today? If so, how?
- Why is "owning your story" more powerful than running away from it?

INTERVIEW TOPICS

- Foster Care + Adoption
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
- Youth + Family Advocacy
- Childhood Trauma + Resilience
- Soft-Skill Development
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Personal Development

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