

DARYL WILLIAMS

Senior Director

Daryl Williams is a Senior Director at The DeBruce Foundation who works with other senior staff to develop innovative economic and entrepreneurial digital platforms that can serve as leverage points for The DeBruce Foundation's work with targeted populations. Mr. Williams believes that innovation and design thinking are key components for addressing the current preparation and economic challenges. Previously, Mr. Williams served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Urban Entrepreneur Partnership (UEP), a nationally recognized entrepreneurial coaching program founded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. In that role, he raised over \$14 million for the program which had over \$300 million of economic impact on the communities it served.



Formerly, Mr. Williams served for 13 years as the Director of Research, Policy, and Entrepreneurship at the Kauffman Foundation where his responsibilities included managing a multi-million-dollar grant portfolio, all research agendas, and programmatic strategies in minority entrepreneurship. Along with Dr. Charles West, Mr. Williams co-authored the book entitled *Secrets of the Gig Gurus: A Toolkit for the Freelance Gig Economy*. Mr. Williams earned both a Bachelor's and Master's in Sociology from the University of Kansas.