



**Melissa Robinson**

**Melissa Robinson**, a Robert Woods Johnson Fellow, is currently employed with the Black Health Care Coalition as the President. She is responsible for leading the organization to fulfill strategic goals, maintain sustainable community partnerships and play a major role in community efforts that create health equity for all. Melissa Robinson is leading efforts to address the social determinates of health; ensuring the organization is making a significant impact on reducing health disparities in the areas of hypertension, infant mortality, diabetes, breast and prostate cancer and childhood asthma.

Robinson obtained a Bachelors of Science degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a Masters of Business Administration from Webster University in Saint Louis, Missouri. Robinson recently completed coursework for Community Health Worker certification and is trained to teach Mental Health First Aid.

Melissa Robinson serves as a board member for Prime Health Foundation, Jackson County Developmental Disabilities Services (EITAS), Freedom School of Greater Kansas City and The Ad Hoc Group Against Crime. She is also a Steering Committee member for the Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition and actively involved in the Urban Summit. Robinson is the Chairwoman of the Northwest Regional Alliance for the State of Missouri's Office of Minority Health.

Robinson is the mother of Jeffery Johnson an active 4 year old who was born premature and given a 30% chance of survival. This personal experience has added to Robinson's motivation to address disparity in meaningful ways.