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***“Experiences and Solutions for Economic and Social Justice for Black Women in Mississippi”***



**Cassandra Welchin**

Co-convener and State Lead  
Mississippi Black Women’s Roundtable

Prior to joining MS BWR, Welchin co-founded and launched an ambitious and progressive MS Women’s Economic Security Initiative (MWESI), founded as an MS Low-Income Child Care Initiative project. MWESI is rooted at the intersections of race, gender and poverty. It prioritizes women’s rights, equity, economic security; created an intentional and explicit racial and gender framework; and engage women, particularly low-income women of color.

Under her leadership, she’s expanded the statewide network of women through local town halls and major summits, where women crafted MWESI policy agenda focusing on expanding child care subsidies, affordable and comprehensive health care, jobs that pay living wages, paid family leave, and protection from domestic violence. In addition, during the 2017-18 legislative session, she was successful in building a bi-partisan coalition on equal pay with the intended purpose to close the gender pay gap in MS. Welchin is an advocate, organizer and agent of change whose work spans over fifteen years reforming public policy.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Virtual Presentation**

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