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Franklin has 20 years of research experience promoting prevention science, supporting the coalition functioning of community-based organizations and social service agencies, building community capacity for high-quality implementation and evaluation of local programs, and tested and effective interventions. Franklin's research specialty is using qualitative methods to access and understand the context connected to what factors increase risk and buffer youth from youth problem behaviors. In addition, Franklin has supervised the recruitment, survey data collection, and program implementation of multiple longitudinal research studies. Franklin's work emphasizes emerging Public Health practice that goes beyond just looking at risk behaviors but researching upstream by examining root causes of violence such as the social, economic, and political systems to address social inequities tied to class and race. Franklin's career is guided by a healing-centered approach that understands the importance of history, culture, faith, and civic engagement. Before joining the Urban Health Initiative, Franklin was the Executive Director of the [Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention](#) (CCYVP) housed at the Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. Franklin maintains a contributing role at the Center and volunteers as the co-director of the [Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project](#).