

## Ajirioghene (Ah Jiri Or Ganeh) Evi

### Community Engagement Specialist

### One Vision One Voice

Ajirioghene (Ah Jiri Or Ganeh) Evi is passionate about working with individuals, families, groups, or communities that are culturally diverse and not necessarily the celebrated norm. After almost two decades in public service work, this continues to be the driving force for her. She has been involved in range of projects, from supporting grassroots work and initiatives for deserving equity groups, to educating private and corporate entities on how to dismantle systemic racism and promote equitable outcomes for their clients and service recipients.



When Ajirioghene started her career in child welfare, she was in direct child protection work with survivors and perpetrators of domestic and intimate partner violence. However, it was not long before she started working with Black and racialized service recipients due to her culturally inclusive lens and approach. In addition, she worked as an Equity Lead in her management role to integrate *One Vision One Voice* mandates and recommendations.

In 2022, Ajirioghene was selected as a recipient of Canada's Top 100 Black Women to Watch from the Canada International Black Women Excellence. An award for her outstanding achievement and a great testimony of the impact she, her work, and her accomplishments have on the people who witness this around her.

She also consults on and teaches dismantling Systemic Racism, Cross-Cultural Leadership, and Change Management Strategies. She is elated in her role as Community Engagement Specialist on the OVOV team.

Ajirioghene holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Social Development Studies and a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from the University of Waterloo. She also has a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Western University.