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**MELANIE SPENCER NAMED EAST COAST PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR
PROJECT ACCESS RESOURCE CENTERS**

**Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Role Oversees 19 Family and Senior Resource Centers
Across Nine States**

ORANGE, Calif. (June 10, 2022) – [Project Access](#), an Orange, California, based non-profit organization, has named Melanie Spencer as its new East Coast Program Director for its resource centers and affiliated services in affordable and workforce housing apartment communities in nine states: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. In her new role based in Atlanta, Georgia, Spencer oversees 19 Project Access family and senior resource centers that support positive outcomes on multiple levels for community residents.

Under Spencer's direction, Project Access Resource Centers will continue to [provide tools and opportunities](#) to under-resourced community members so they can stabilize and empower themselves and their households. Project Access services are embedded directly into an apartment community, allowing the non-profit to build trust with its residents while eliminating significant service barriers like transportation, childcare, and cost.

Since the first Project Access Resource Center opened in Santa Ana, California, in 1999, it has grown to over 80 communities nationwide. This year anticipates serving over 27,500 individuals in 16 states. The specialized programs offered by Project Resource Centers are developed to achieve positive resident outcomes such as academic achievement, financial stability, and improved access to health services.

Spencer has over twenty years of experience in nonprofit administration, working with youth and families. She spent the early part of her career in the for-profit industry. She transitioned into the human services field as a volunteer for a Literacy Program in Westchester, New York. As Director of a Victim Services Program working with people affected by crime, Spencer helped victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, heinous crimes, and families affected by poverty and youth living in alternative housing.

A proud New Yorker by way of Jamaica and Turks & Caicos, Spencer has taught middle and high school for many years and spearheaded a 21st Century Community Learning Center after-school program (transitioning thousands of young people to higher education and viable careers). As a Director for Gateway Academy, Spencer has also helped many youths and adults receive scholarships and grant money for continuing their education.

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As a Board Member for many private and governmental organizations, Spencer has been involved with such organizations as the Yonkers City Planning Council, NYS Education Advisory Council, NYS S.N.U.G. Outreach, and the Anti-Gang & Violence Coalition. In 2018, Spencer was selected as one of the Power of 3:00 Ambassadors for New York State, advocating for equitable education and after-school programming.

Spencer holds a B.S. in Human Services and a Master's of Public Administration from Metropolitan College of New York.

ABOUT PROJECT ACCESS

Project Access is based in Orange, California, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It operates family and senior Resource Centers in over 80 affordable and workforce housing communities nationwide. Residents receive vital on-site health, education, and employment services to cultivate strong communities, positive changes, and hopeful futures. Since the first Project Access Resource Center opened in Santa Ana, California, in 1999, it has grown exponentially, and this year anticipates serving over 27,500 individuals in 16 states across the country.

For more information, please visit <https://www.project-access.org>.

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