



MEKA HAMPTON

MCEL Operations Associate

Meka Hampton is a business operations leader and strategist with a proven ability to build systems, improve processes, and create structures that help leaders and teams operate effectively. A Chicago native, Meka was raised with a strong foundation in education, hard work, and community impact-values that continue to guide her approach to leadership and service. As a certified professional coach and business consultant, Meka has built a career supporting Fortune 500 and nonprofit organizations through financial management, strategic planning, and organizational development. She has managed multi-million-dollar budgets, led cross-functional teams, enhanced workflows, and partnered with stakeholders to improve efficiency and outcomes.

In her current role with MCEL, Meka brings a solutions-focused approach to strengthening daily operations and supporting leadership in achieving organizational goals. She helps create the structure needed for effective execution by managing initiatives involving contract administration, financial oversight, grant cycles, program operations, stakeholder engagement, fundraising support, and vendor coordination. Meka works across teams to streamline processes, improve communication, and develop practical solutions that allow leaders to focus on mission-driven outcomes. Her ability to anticipate challenges and build sustainable systems has made her a trusted partner.

Beyond her professional work, Meka serves as a mentor and Alumni Board Member for the Give Something Back Foundation, supporting young men and women of color as they pursue higher education and professional success. Her dedication to reducing barriers and expanding access reflects her belief that strong leadership, supportive systems, and community investment are essential.

Meka earned her degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and continues to combine her background in operations, leadership development, and service to help organizations and school districts thrive. She and her husband, Jared, are proud parents and sports fans.