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Yvonka Marie Hall, MPA is the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition. She received a Master of Public Administration from Texas Southern University and a Bachelor of Arts from Notre Dame College. She is a proud graduate of John Marshall High School in Cleveland, Ohio and a 2019 inductee into the Alumni Hall of Fame. She was recently named the HomeGrown Hero by The Cleveland Plain Dealer for her work addressing food insecurity.

The 1974 murder of her mother Yvonne Boston Hall dramatically changed her life; her childhood promise to use her life to help others has led to the creation of cutting edge programs and impacted thousands of people's lives. She is a published author lending her story The Making of a Public Health Emergency to the book Not Far From Me: Stories of Opioids and Racism, Hypocrisy, and Bar Faith A Moral Challenge to the America I Love. She is currently working on her first book The Cure for Black Trauma is Justice-I'm Tired of Being Sick and Tired, which will be released in 2021

She is a mother, grandmother and activist deeply impassioned and involved in social justice activities locally and nationally. Her strength and tenacity will save many children from the lifelong impact of lead poisoning. She is currently working to push for a ban on menthol products creating a Menthol Free Ohio following the lead of Massachusetts and California.

She is a member of numerous organizations locally and nationally. She is a nationally recognized Congressional award winning health disparities expert. She has served as an expert offering input to televised and print media and speaks all over the country about effectively engaging the African American Community the Art of Community Engagement.

She is an activist, leader, influencer, speaker, researcher and philanthropist.