



## The ARIAH Foundation Fundraising Landscape Analysis, August 2023

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**Andre Nelson** is a healthcare analyst and advocate for Black, Indigenous and People of Color in the US. He has spent years researching the root causes and generational effect of healthcare disparities in this country and he is dedicated to finding solutions to some of the most pressing health issues that people of color face. Andre is a graduate of Drexel University, where he majored in International Business and Marketing. Early in his career, he worked as a Financial Analyst on Wall Street, but had a change of heart after the 2008/2009 market crash. He decided to take his skill set to the world of healthcare where he could have a more positive impact on society. He is a husband and a father of two children: Kayden (meaning ‘Young Warrior’) and Amani (meaning ‘Peace’) and realized during both pregnancies the importance of his role as supporting partner and how he could have a positive impact on his wife’s birthing outcome. Andre recently founded Obsidian Perinatal Wellness (OPWell) an organization dedicated to educating and empowering Husbands/Partners with culturally competent information, evidence-based practices and the power of storytelling to help reduce negative maternal health outcomes. He hopes to not only engage non-birthing partners but also major healthcare networks and OB/GYN offices around the country to help raise awareness and consciousness around BIPOC maternal health issues.