

Angela Bannerman Ankoma is a dedicated leader focused on advancing equity and justice. As Vice President and Executive Director of the Equity Leadership Initiative at the Rhode Island Foundation, she spearheaded a comprehensive racial equity agenda and guided an \$8.5 million investment to foster leadership development and collaboration across sectors, including business, healthcare, and education.

Angela's career includes impactful roles at the United Way of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Department of Health, emphasizing community investment, health equity, and minority advocacy. Her success in securing funding and building strategic partnerships highlights her ability to drive meaningful change.

Currently pursuing an Executive Doctoral Program in Health Leadership at the Gillings School of Global Health, Angela's research focuses on mental health impact of COVID-19. Her commitment extends beyond her professional roles, serving on boards and committees dedicated to social justice, health equity, and community development.

Recognized for her contributions, Angela has received numerous awards, including the Diversity & Inclusion Professionals Award for Leadership and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award for Health Equity. Her leadership, commitment, and extensive experience continue to inspire positive change and future leaders.