Saturday Night Banquet – Saturday November 9th, 2019
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm (1.0CE)

Reesheeda Graham Washington

Building a Culture of Belonging

Abstract: This presentation will synthesize research on resiliency and on leadership and apply this knowledge to individual social workers and human service organizations. Principles of positive workforce development and Christianity will be examined with applications for educators, and social work leaders and practitioners. The goal is caring, effective and ethical professionals working in caring, effective and ethical organizations.

Learning Objectives: *As a result of this presentation participants will be able to:*

- Describe how to develop and cultivate trusting relationships that contribute to the building of a culture of belonging in the community in which one lives or works
- Articulate how to develop leadership skills that can be applied to organizations, businesses, and/or personal lives.
- Outline practices of mediation, consensus building, and empathy and describe their potential contribution to building diversity and equity for all

Primary Audience: Social workers and related professionals; social work students; human services professionals

Content Level: Intermediate

Number of Continuing Education Contact Hours: 1.0

Bio Information: **Reesheda Graham Washington** is the executive director of Communities First Association, a national nonprofit committed to capacity building in asset-based community development, economic development, and equity (ABCDE²). She coaches leaders in building community and developing sustainable and equitable practices within their organizations. Graham-Washington launched L!VE Cafe, an experiential community space that serves artisanal coffee and brings people together intersectionally for conversation and mutual transformation. Graham-Washington is a coach-trainer, facilitator, speaker, and consultant. A former education administrator for Chicago Public Schools, Reesheda *L!VE's in Berwyn, Illinois and shares her heart for service with her three daughters: Datrianna, Micaiah, and Olivia.*

She is the co-author of a book called **Soul Force: Seven Pivots Toward Courage, Community, and Change.**