

La'Shon O'Neal



La'Shon O'Neal is a native of Jackson, MS and currently works for the Department of Mental Health in downtown Jackson. La'Shon graduated from Jackson State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in April 2012. In May 2015, she received a Master of Science degree from Mississippi College in Mental Health Counseling.

La'Shon has a personal connection to Sickle Cell Disease. In November 2007, La'Shon lost her father, Major O'Neal due to complications from Sickle Cell Disease. He'd gone undiagnosed for 45 years. La'Shon did not learn of his disease until after his death. She also later learned that she and her 3 siblings, Alexandria, Matthew and Marcus, carry the Sickle Cell Trait.

Since 2007, La'Shon has dedicated a large amount of her time to raising awareness and funds for the cause. Becoming a board member of the Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation is truly rewarding for her. The Foundation has given her the platform to continue in this effort.