

## Tsion Demeke Abate - bio

For the past 20 years, Tsion Demeke Abate has dedicated her professional work in educational leadership, and the development of research evidence that promotes the health and well-being of communities who face health inequity. Tsion has worked in developing a community collaborative to mitigate the Syphilis outbreak in Alberta by examining how systems of power underpin health disparities, co-designed and implemented a national collaboration to build capacity in service providers who support newcomer ethnocultural communities, and uses innovative, evidence based instructional practices and resources to reduce stigma and promote health equity. She holds a Master's of Education in **Education Policy Studies** with specialty in Theoretical, Cultural and International Education Policy frameworks. Tsion is a member of the stewardship roundtable for *EndPoverty Edmonton* where she models as a change agent. She promotes innovative and culturally appropriate practices for fundamental community needs. She has also demonstrated success in leading the stigma stream of the *Alberta Sexually Transmitted and Blood-borne Infections Strategic Framework 2018-2021* with cross-department stakeholders including ethnocultural and Indigenous communities. She is also a recipient of the 2015 RISE Award for Community Leadership:

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