

## Megan Joseph

Megan Joseph, MA is the founder of Impact Launch, a collective of social impact professionals that support individuals, organizations and initiatives to work effectively for equitable and sustainable outcomes in policy, systems and community change throughout California and beyond. Megan has worked hands-on for over two decades with community-based organizations and multi-sector collaboratives to design and facilitate leadership development, strategic planning, capacity building and project design. As Executive Director of Rise Together, a multi-county initiative to cut poverty in the Bay Area, Megan implemented a 250-member coalition for policy and systems change, addressing issues of employment, affordable housing and early childhood education for critical populations. As Director of Community Organizing for the United Way of Santa Cruz County she founded and supported multiple sustained initiatives, including the Santa Cruz County Youth Violence Prevention Task Force and the Community Corrections Partnership Community Engagement Task Force. Megan was recognized with the 2015 National Community Indicators Consortium Emerging Leader award for her work using community indicators as a catalyst for change to reduce youth violence. Megan has practiced Radical Transformational Leadership for a decade with Dr. Monica Sharma, and over the last 10 years launched several leadership programs that have trained over 1,500 change makers to design and implement change in their organizations and communities. She has served as faculty at JFK University and is an advisor for One of Us Foundation. Megan earned an MA in Consciousness Studies from JFK University and an MA in Criminology, Law and Society from UC Irvine.

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