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Dominique Alex became the Chief Executive Officer at Mary's Place in 2023 after three years as the organization's Chief Program Officer.

Dominique has been instrumental in the development of Mary's Place's innovative three-prong approach to addressing and ending family homelessness through emergency shelter, outreach to unsheltered families, and homelessness prevention.

She is a champion for women, families, and children and is passionate about Mary's Place vision of a community where all families have safe, stable housing.

Her undergraduate degree is in Multicultural History, and she has a master's degree in early childhood education, both from the University of Washington. She also received an Executive Leadership Preschool–3rd Grade Certificate from the University of Washington.

Dominique's extensive leadership experience in early learning and her focus on families with low income/experiencing homelessness gives her an important perspective on the generational impacts that housing instability can have, particularly on children. Dominique believes that working together, we can end family homelessness and ensure that no child sleeps outside.

Before joining Mary's Place, Dominique was a director at The Children's Home Society of Washington (now AKIN), an education specialist with Head Start, and an applied behavior analysis therapist. As adjunct faculty at Goddard College and community facilitator at BrightSpark, she provided leadership, coaching, mentoring, and training in the areas of DEI, special education, family engagement, community safety and well-being, and childcare basics, among others. She was honored to advise and provide strategic feedback to build Seattle's preschool program.

Her background includes positions at The Denise Louie Education Center, First African Methodist Episcopal (FAME), and the University of Washington Experimental Education Unit. As Vice President of the Washington State Association of Early Head Start & ECEAP, Dominique put her notable grassroots advocacy and organizing skills to work building champions for children as a successful parent ambassador trainer and changemaker.

Outside of her work at Mary's Place, Dominique enjoys spending time with her husband, four children, extended family, and friends. She loves running, hiking, yoga, traveling, eating great cultural food, reading, and enjoying the beautiful Pacific Northwest.