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Ms. Brown serves as the DCFS' Director of Racial Equity Practice, overseeing the Department's initiatives to address systematic and institutional racism that perpetuates disproportionality for BIPOC children in Illinois. Dagené has been instrumental in leading the statewide implementation of the Department's program initiatives. She specializes in leading multi-disciplinary teams to deliver effective programmatic and operational solutions in a fast-paced execution environment to achieve organizational objectives; particularly in achieving systems integration and program alignment. Ms. Brown, a licensed social worker, and has more than 20 years' experience in family advocacy. Her background also includes delivering social work services in the education, nonprofit, and healthcare arenas. Ms. Brown is a 2023 recipient of the "Women Making History" award from the National Council of Negro Women. She is a graduate of Bradley University and the University of Chicago, Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice.