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Maureen Burns (she/her/ella) is a community health worker/promotora de salud, a research liaison, and the director of community health at The HAP Foundation. The HAP Foundation is a nonprofit leader with a refined focus to elevate access to and increase understanding of serious illness and hospice and palliative care through community and clinical education, workforce development, research, and advocacy. Maureen leads a growing Community Health Worker (CHW) team that seeks to address hospice utilization disparities and empowers community members through education on serious illness topics. Maureen has over 15 years of experience working in health care as well as a bachelor of arts degree in community health, culture, and aging. Maureen is currently a graduate student, pursuing her M.P.H. Maureen is proud to be a leader who identifies as disabled (deaf), and she is a passionate advocate for the use of antiracist and liberatory practices to destroy systems of oppression. Furthermore, Maureen believes in the healing and transformational power of the collective, she believes in centering and growing communities of care, mutual aid, and other practices of solidarity. In addition to her work at The HAP foundation, Maureen serves as an academic tutor and adjunct professor in the CHW certificate program at Malcolm X College. Here, she has the opportunity to teach, engage, support, and motivate the next generation of CHWs. Maureen uses a popular education model and a trauma-informed lens to facilitate shared learning and growth in the classroom and beyond.