

## Teddy Dorsette III, Communications Manager & Organizer

Teddy Dorsette III is a Deaf filmmaker from the Detroit area. He obtained a BA from The University of Michigan in Screen Arts and Cultures. He graduated from the Motion Picture Institute where he concentrated on directing and editing.

Teddy is the CEO and co-founder of Teddyboy Entertainment LLC, a company focused on Media Production alongside his father in 2005. The vision of the company is to provide opportunities for others to achieve their dreams as well as harness their skills and talents through these forms of media. He also established a non-profit organization, Reel Def Entertainment, in 2014, which aims to help children and young adults that are Deaf and Hard of Hearing to pursue their passions in the film and entertainment industries. Over the course of the years he has developed his skills working on “SuperDeafy The Movie” as an intern, then working four years as Production Assistant producing content for D-PAN: Deaf Professional Arts Network.

Teddy is a passionate Filmmaker whose dream and vision is to write stories that will educate others about the Deaf Experience as well as provide filmmakers opportunities to share THEIR stories. He is truly passionate about the Deaf Community, committing his time as a National Black Deaf Advocate member, working as a strong leader and advocate. He also served in 2016-2018 as President of the Detroit Black Deaf Advocates. He served four years on the board of Deaf Solutions, Inc, Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Board of Interpreters for the State of Michigan and MichCounts Steering Team. He helped the Michigan Department of Civil Rights DODDBHH Department facilitate the development of the needs assessment survey that will collect important data from the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind in order to provide accurate data on needs concerning the community. Teddy was also a member of Michigan Hands and Voices, serving on the committee developing the Deaf/HOH Mentor Guide Program, as well as Deaf/HOH mentor program. He also recently served as the Outreach Specialist staff member for the National Association of the Deaf.