# ALYSSA CYPHER

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER
AND CONSULTANT
ON MENTAL ILLNESS
AND MENTAL HEALTH

"As someone who works in the mental health field and lives with mental illness, I speak openly about mental health and mental illness through both a professional and personal lens."

#### **TOPICS OF FOCUS**

- Self-Advocacy through Storytelling for Adults and Youth
- Mental Health Best Practices for Nonprofits and Businesses
- Working Against Discrimination, Stigma, and Ableism
- Living with Mental Illness

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## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- Workshop Presenter 20th Children's Interagency Conference
- Guest Lecturer Duquesne University
- Speaker TEDxPittsburghWomen 2017
- Speaker Will Allen Foundation
- Panelist Alpha Lab Innovation Works, Caffeinated Innovation Series on Founder Mental Health
- Keynote Speaker NAMIWalks Southwestern PA Kick-off 2017
- Rally Speaker ADA 26th Anniversary Celebration
- Panelist "Breaking Down Walls" Refugee Mental Health Panel
- Workshop Presenter Beaver County Youth Ambassadors for Stigma Prevention
- Personal Story Presentations Arsenal School District, CCAC South, Carnegie Library of Brookline, Robert Morris University, Chatham University, West Mifflin School District, North Allegheny High School, Whitehall Public Library, and more

## RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Supporting Our Valued Adolescents (SOVA) Pittsburgh, PA, December 2017-Present

Data and Communications Specialist NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania Pittsburgh, PA, August 2017-Present

Executive Director, Inside Our Minds Pittsburgh, PA, March 2016-Present

Project Assistant, Stand Together Against Stigma Allegheny County Department of Human Services Pittsburgh, PA, August 2016-November 2016

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs — Pittsburgh, PA, Class of 2015 Master of Public Administration in Policy Research and Analysis, Minor in Security and Intelligence Studies US Department of Education FLAS Fellow, 2013-2015

Univerzitet Crne Gore, Institut za Strane Jezika - Podgorica, Montenegro, Summer 2014 Montenegrin, Serbian, Croatian, and Bosnian Languages

University of Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh, PA, Class of 2013 Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Certificate in Russian and East European Studies, Concentration in Serbo-Croatian