The

CHISOLM PROJECT

For Black women to facilitate change in this political climate, we must engage in policy analysis, creation and execution. The Chisolm Project honors the legacy of Congressman Shirley Chisolm by taking her words, “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair” seriously. The project takes aim at this by educating Black girls and the community at large on through policy analysis and also developing policy. It will also provide specific information about legislation related to Black women and girls in the southeast, with the main goal being supportive policy development for these girls. It also seeks to bring attention to the current legislation in the State of Mississippi and region by providing report cards that rate legislators on policy they’ve written or supported and its effects on Black girls and those who love them.

Our mission is to be a revelatory, unflickering light for Black girls and young women in the southern United States through safe spaces and focused programming.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION:
- Content or expert area in her field
- Have spent significant time working professionally or in civic engagement working with or on behalf of black girls
- Background in policy, lobbying, community organizing or advocacy
- Willingness to perform research for the benefit of the work of The Lighthouse and those it impacts

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION:
- Willingness to travel
- Minimum one-year commitment
- Attendance at one in-person retreat
- Research for and production of materials usable by The Lighthouse
- Monthly check-ins with project team

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:
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