

Adria Husband

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Adria Husband is a staunch believer that education is a means of empowering those who have been marginalized by our Country's history. Passionate in her efforts to connect with the stories that make up our individuality and define our character, Adria led the launch of the first ever all girls mentoring program at Pablo Casals Elementary in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. Mentoring comes naturally for Adria; throughout her life she has been an informal mentor to friends, family members, and youth in her community.



While she is catching her stride developing mentoring programs and curricula by night, by day Adria achieves the strategic goals for AUSL's network of 32 schools, serving approximately 18,000 students through pristine control of the one lever that everyone pays attention to: Money. As the Director of School Financial Support, Adria provides direct support, coaching and training to school Principals, as well as business support to staff on key compliance matters – freeing them up to drive forward transformative instructional achievement for some of Chicago's lowest income communities. Adria takes pride in helping her schools maximize their resources to support the children within a system and city that expects them to fail.

Though nicknamed "The Money Lady," Adria's passion for education and advocacy for children stretches far beyond school finances. Being a single parent has given Adria a deeper appreciation for the world our children are coming of age in today.

Adria is a Chicago native and has had a lifelong love affair with the written word. At the age of five, she started writing and never stopped. This two time published author's work has been featured in the independent Chicago-based documentary, "Chi-Voices." Adria also does spoken word performances of her poetry live with local Chicago bands.