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Trina Greene Brown Recognized as an Inspirational Parent in 2018 by CADRE and as a Black Feminist Rising in 2017 by Black Women's Blueprint, Trina Greene Brown is a leader on the rise and she's taking Black parents and children along with her to higher heights. Bridging her 15 years of professional experience as a youth organizer in ending violence with her personal role as a parent of two Black children, Trina Greene Brown is a proud Black-feminist Mama-activist. In 2016, she founded Parenting for Liberation as a virtual platform for Black parents, currently consisting of a blog, podcast, and inperson trainings and conferences. Trina has contributed to *On Parenting* for the Washington Post, and in 2019, her writing centered on intersections of motherhood and activism was featured in the Chicana M(other)work Anthology. Her book *Parenting for Liberation: A Guide for Raising Black Children* debuted on Juneteenth 2020 by Feminist Press.

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