

Sangeetha Menon joined Kiran in the fall of 2014 and was appointed as the Executive Director in December 2016. As an immigrant and a woman of color, she is deeply passionate about issues regarding gender based violence and considers it a privilege to serve victims of domestic violence in the South Asian community in North Carolina. She has resided in North Carolina for the past 24 years and has an in-depth understanding of the struggles faced by a South Asian victim of domestic violence in escaping the cycle of abuse.

Sangeetha earned her BA in Economics (Honors) from Delhi University (India) and her Masters in Marketing Management from the Times School of Marketing (India). During her tenure at Kiran, Sangeetha conceptualized and led the first ever Kiran Walkathon to raise awareness about Kiran's mission. She also executed many other key first time events such as establishing Kiran's first Volunteer Chapter in Charlotte, initiated the statewide expansion of Kiran's services, Kiran Teen Empowerment Workshop, Client Story Telling Workshops, and outreach in the Montegnard community in Greensboro. She has been a guest speaker at many mainstream outreach events such as the Innovations Conference at UNC Greensboro, Council For Women annual conference in Concord, NC, Wake County Domestic Violence task force meeting, NCCASA spring meeting, Cisco Health Center and the NC Domestic Violence Commission Board meeting. She has also served as an Advisory Board member of the "Courts Applying Solutions to End Intimate Partner Violence (CASE IPV) Study," which was conducted at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Sangeetha sits on the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act), VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) and the Human Trafficking Community Advocates Advisory Committee planning teams conducted by GCC (Governor's Crime Commission). She is a strong proponent of the empowerment model which is grounded in the belief that victims of domestic violence should have access to information, education, and other necessary social and economic support to make informed decisions that best reflect their interests and needs.

In her spare time, Sangeetha follows her passion for choreographing and performing Indian folk and contemporary dance forms at cultural events.