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Patrice Funderburg
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Patrice Funderburg, a native of Buffalo, NY, uses her background and 20+ years of corporate human resources experience for transformational change in the criminal justice system as the Executive Director at The Center For Community Transitions (CCT), where she is responsible for the vision, strategy, and day-to-day operational management of the Charlotte-based nonprofit that works with individuals and families impacted by incarceration. Patrice served as the board co-chair for 2 years before becoming Executive Director in January 2020.

Prior to CCT, Patrice was the HR Chief of Staff and Director of HR Operations at Belk, Inc. During the 2012 DNC Convention in Charlotte, Patrice served as the Deputy Director for business inclusion and procurement processes. She also held various positions at Lowe's Companies, Inc., including Director of Supplier Diversity, Manager of Diversity & Inclusion, and Senior Corporate Recruiter. In 2016, Patrice formed a NC HUB certified minority-owned consulting firm, Educate To Engage LLC, which focuses on enabling transformational change through education, exposure, and engagement. She also developed and led a free community book club from 2016-2020 based on Michelle Alexander's best selling book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*.

Patrice represents the 1:4 people who had a sibling incarcerated. She is an advocate member of The National Council of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls, and she serves on Governor Cooper's State Reentry Council Collaborative. Before COVID-19 closed prisons and jails, Patrice taught life skills and was a mentor at Mecklenburg County Detention Center. She served as an at-large member of the Leading On Opportunity Council, which focuses on closing the economic mobility gap in Mecklenburg County, and she is a graduate of Leadership Charlotte Class 35.

Patrice attended North Carolina Central University (NCCU) where she studied business and joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She dropped out after becoming pregnant during her junior year, and returned home to Buffalo, NY, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resource Management from The State University of New York at Buffalo, immediately followed by a Master of Science degree in Organizational Communication and Development from Canisius College. She relocated to Charlotte with her family in 2006.