

Dr. Tarlon Gibson

Dr. Tarlon Gibson is the Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives for The Community Place of Greater Rochester and Charles Settlement House, where he focuses on diversifying opportunities and expanding access for marginalized communities, families, and children. A proud graduate of Pinecrest High School and Winston-Salem State University, an HBCU in North Carolina, Dr. Tarlon earned his bachelor's degree in English Education and Mathematics. He holds a master's degree in Adult Learning with an Advanced Certificate in Community Advocacy and his PhD in Curriculum and Instruction, reflecting his commitment to lifelong learning and leadership.

With 25 years of experience in education, human services, workforce readiness, and youth advocacy, Dr. Tarlon has dedicated his career to creating pathways for growth and connection. He has been recognized for his impact and dedication to equity through honors for leadership, community service, and professional excellence, and is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., embodying its values of achievement and brotherhood. Dr. Tarlon's mission is to amplify voices and create opportunities that foster authenticity and belonging, driven by the belief that when education and community intersect, they can transform not just individuals, but entire systems.