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Elevating Community Voices through
Advocacy, Policy, and Collaborative Solutions



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Ayesha R. Clarke is a native of Hartford, Connecticut. She has built a career centered on elevating the voices of those often left out around the city of Hartford. She is a fierce advocate who believes in the power of keeping and establishing meaningful relationships with the community and other stakeholders to accomplish tangible outcomes. Ayesha holds master's degrees in social work with a policy practice concentration (University of Connecticut) and public health (Benedictine University) She also holds a bachelor's in economics from the University of Connecticut. She has a passion for policy and advocacy work centered on health, criminal justice, and education and has a keen understanding of the intersection of community and policy. Ayesha is the Executive Director of Health Equity Solutions, a non-profit organization with a statewide focus on advancing health equity through anti-racist policies and practices. She serves as a Co-Chair of the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health for the State of Connecticut.

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