

Adrienne W. Cochrane, J.D.
Chief Executive Officer

Adrienne has devoted her nonprofit career to serving traditionally underserved and disenfranchised individuals, families and communities. Her work is passionately centered in achieving racial and gender equity and social justice for all by disrupting and dismantling inequitable systems.

In her current role as CEO of YWCA Hartford Region since April 2018, Adrienne engages a highly effective 8 member Leadership Team to achieve mission critical goals and lasting impact for women, girls and families, with a focus on women and girls of color.

Adrienne and her team are, among other things, leveraging community and stakeholder relationships to expand programs and services in Hartford and transform the headquarters into a Center for Racial Justice and Gender Equity to create a community of unlimited opportunities to un-limit opportunities.

Prior to joining YWCA, Adrienne served the National Urban League Movement for 15 years in senior level positions in three states, including nearly 8 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Urban League of Greater Hartford. Adrienne is credited with stabilizing and repositioning the Urban League for the resurgence it continues to experience.

Adrienne serves on several boards, including The Prosperity Foundation (TPF), Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Teach for America-Connecticut, American Red Cross Connecticut and Rhode Island chapter, and the University of Connecticut-Hartford Board of Advocates. She was appointed to the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave Authority and serves on the Governor's Council for Women and Girls. Adrienne previously served on the Governor's Youth and Urban Violence Commission.

Adrienne was conferred Bachelor and Master Degrees in Political Science and Counseling, respectively, from Tuskegee University and a Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law.

She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors for her commitment to social justice and community service.