

## **Tarlon Gibson**

Tarlon Gibson has over twenty years of experience in education, human services, employment readiness and youth advocacy. He was named the Director of Early Childhood and Youth Services in 2016. Prior to that, he held various positions within the organization, as well as positions with Threshold Center for Youth. Tarlon's areas of expertise include: community and youth engagement, education, workforce development and youth development.

He has served on several advisory committees focusing on adult literacy and education, and has worked with numerous academic organizations. He is a graduate of the United Way African-American Leadership Development Program (2014), Leadership Rochester, Leadership Coaching and Certificate Program, and is the recipient of the Rochester Business Awards "Rising Star" recognition. He was also recognized by the Democrat and Chronicle newspaper as one of Rochester's Emerging African American Leaders. He has served on several not-for-profit boards and committees, including Operation Transformation Rochester, Next Level and Beyond, National Coalition Business Institute – Rochester and Regional Advisory Education Network.

Tarlon holds a Bachelor's degree in English Education and Mathematics from Winston-Salem State University, a Master's in Adult Learning with an Advanced Certificate in Community Advocacy, and he is currently working on his PhD in curriculum and instruction.