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Cecilia Atkinson Robinson, MSW

Cecilia Atkinson Robinson is an independent healthcare consultant focused on healthcare education. She has a rich and varied background in clinical social work and healthcare programs. Cecilia has 35 years of experience in care management and social work services.

A significant portion of Cecilia's time is spent helping clients with wellness education programs. She conducts health and wellness seminars. Cecilia uses her industry knowledge and experience to continually develop healthcare education programs and build approaches to maximize learning objectives.

Cecilia served as a human service clinician at Daymark Recovery Services. She was responsible for providing mobile crisis management to patients at Carolina Medical Center Emergency Room and outreach services to the community. Cecilia spent many years with the Veterans Administration as a clinical social worker. She served in the following hospitals: Veterans Administration Hospital, Brockton, MA, Domiciliary Rehabilitation Program; Veterans Administration Hospital, Baltimore, MD, Ambulatory Care, Infectious Diseases Clinic; and Veterans Administration Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA, Community Residential Care Program.

She began her career as a clinical social worker with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in the Department of Hematology/Oncology, where she cared for Sickle Cell Anemia patients and assisted other clinicians in organizing oncology support and education groups.

Cecilia serves on the Board of Trustees at The Fletcher School and has volunteered with the Mecklenburg County Guardian Ad Litem Program. She also is an active volunteer with the Carolina Women's Club, Golden Living Nursing Home, Rally for the Cure, and Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

She received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Kent State University and a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of Pittsburgh.



Karen Parker, MS

Karen Parker is the President & CEO of Safe Alliance, an organization that provides sexual assault and domestic violence services to over 8,000 people annually throughout Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Karen has served for the past 31 years with governmental and social justice organizations in North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas. In 2009, she was appointed by Governor Beverly Perdue to chair the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission. She is also a past board co-chair of the North Carolina Coalition against Domestic Violence. Currently Karen is Chair of the CharMeck Family Justice Center Steering Committee and serves on the board of Race Matters for Juvenile Justice and The Fletcher School. In 2017, she was awarded the Peter Gilcrest Lifetime Achievement award from the Crime Victim's Coalition. In 2019, Karen was honored for her equity and diversity work when she was recognized by Leading on Opportunity as an Inaugural Opportunity Champion and by the Charlotte Association of Fundraising Professionals as Outstanding Champion of Diversity.



Bob Youakim, MBA

Bob Youakim is the Founder of Passport, which helps cities more effectively manage and monetize their curbside assets, starting with their on-street parking programs. He serves on the boards of many companies, including Passport, Anduin, CivicEye, and Stratifyd.

Before Passport, Bob served as a vice president in investment banking and held various roles in audit as a Certified Public Accountant. Bob received his M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and his Bachelors of Science from the University of Illinois. He loves spending time with his wife and four children and enjoys being a private pilot flying planes.