

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. CARLA SMITH

CEO of The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center (The Center)



Dr. Carla Smith is the CEO of The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center in New York City, a nonprofit empowering the LGBTQ+ community. With over 30 years of experience in social services, she oversees The Center's financial, programmatic, and operational functions. She previously served as Deputy CEO at Urban Resource Institute, where she was responsible for supporting the development of more than 15 housing programs for victims of intimate partner violence and homeless families. Dr. Smith holds a Doctor of Education in Executive Leadership. Dr. Smith is frequently sought for her insights and has spoken extensively at public forums about the societal impacts of discrimination and violence. She's twice been named to Crain's New York Business' Notable LGBTQIA+ Leaders list. She lives in New York with her wife Jackie. They are the proud parents of five children, and one precious grandchild.

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