

## **Full Bio**

Mar-quetta Boddie is the Executive Director of the Summit County Continuum of Care, a collaborative that leads a coordinated system of care for the homeless throughout Summit County, Ohio. Mar-quetta has worked on homeless issues since 2016, beginning her career at Strategies to End Homelessness in Hamilton County where she was responsible for the compliance and performance of all CoC funded projects totaling \$17 million dollars. Boddie then returned to Akron as the Quality Assurance Manager at Community Action Akron Summit to work on the development of the substance-abuse hotline, collecting data around the opiate epidemic and the infant mortality crisis that primarily impacts minority communities.

Realizing that the lack of safe, clean, and affordable housing was a common denominator for sustainability, she then transitioned to a contract position with the City of Akron as the Continuum of Care Manager. Shortly after, Boddie established the Summit County Continuum of Care as a nonprofit organization, becoming the lead agency to oversee the local homeless system. In this position she has played a vital role in securing over 8.5 million dollars in funding for homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and supportive housing in Summit County. Boddie has also been instrumental in creating a Youth Advisory Board comprised of youth ages 24 and under who work to eradicate youth homelessness through advocacy and leadership abilities.

Boddie is an Akron native and graduate of Garfield High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in accounting from the University of Cincinnati. Mar-quetta serves on the board of the Gay Community Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation, is a RISE (Restore Individual Self-Empowerment) Court Advisory Council Member at the Akron Municipal Court, is a HUD's Coordinated Entry Equity Initiative Ohio Taskforce Committee member, serves on the City of Akron Racial Equity and Social Justice Taskforce Committee (Housing Subcommittee), is a member of Akron Urban League Young Professionals, and is on the Greater Akron LGBTQ+ DEI & Housing, Food and Nutrition Committee. She is also a graduate of Leadership Akron Signature Program Class 39. In addition, Mar-quetta is a winner of Legacy III's Community Award for Social Advocacy and the Greater Akron Chamber's 30 for the Future award.