

Marcey believes that everyone has the power to create real change. A Milwaukee native, Marcey Patterson joined the Milwaukee Police Department in the role of Community Relations & Engagement Manager in 2022.

As a seasoned public servant, Marcey's portfolio includes over 15 years of comprehensive experience serving in the Office of Mayor Tom Barrett in numerous capacities. Marcey has worked both professionally and personally to build positive relationships and partnerships throughout the city of Milwaukee with people and agencies who truly want the best possible opportunities and outcomes for all people. Marcey knows first-hand of the seemingly hopeless realities and challenges that come with being marginalized and underserved, being an African American woman herself.

In her most recent role as Faith-Based and Community Engagement Liaison, Marcey has coordinated and implemented programs and activities that maximize awareness of the need for cross-communication within city government, and improved collaboration and trust with residents in the city of Milwaukee. She believes that a successful engagement strategy plays a key role in connecting leaders with the real lives and concerns of the communities they represent. Strong community engagement improves local conditions, informs policy, enhances equity, and creates better programming which are crucially important aspects of social change.

Through her love to see people be productive citizens of society, Marcey also has tremendous passion in advancing the success of boys and men of color, whom face profound challenges growing up in America. Through her work with the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative, City of Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention, MENTOR Greater Milwaukee, and the Black Male Achievement Advisory Council, she understands the importance of expanding economic opportunity for all.

Marcey Patterson attended the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with an emphasis on Criminal Justice and has one child, Houston Walton.

Making the world a better place has always been a motivation in her work.