



Lakisha Hyatt, DPA, MSN, RN

Dr. Lakisha Hyatt is a transformational healthcare executive, leadership strategist, and community servant whose work is grounded in the belief that leadership is most powerful when rooted in service. She currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Connecticut's largest publicly funded psychiatric and addiction medicine hospital, where she leads more than 1,100 employees across two campuses and oversees critical behavioral health services for the state of Connecticut. She is also the first woman of color to serve in this role.

Known for her ability to lead complex organizations through change, Lakisha's leadership focuses on workforce development, organizational culture, and strengthening systems of care for vulnerable populations. Her approach blends operational excellence with servant leadership—building high-performing teams while fostering environments where both staff and patients thrive.

In addition to her healthcare leadership, Dr. Hyatt serves as the Executive Director of Ministries for Rehoboth Church a 1,200-member faith first community serving worship center and is an ordained minister. Her leadership bridges the healthcare, academic, and faith communities, reflecting her commitment to holistic well-being—mental, physical, and spiritual. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member for both the University of Connecticut and Yale University.

Dr. Hyatt, has a doctorate in Public Administration. She holds a Masters from Yale University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Connecticut. She is also a trained Executive Coach through the International Coaching Federation and a certified mediator through Quinnipiac University.

Her leadership and service have earned numerous recognitions, including the NAACP Most Influential African American Award, the Hartford Business Journal Women in Business Award, and the American Psychiatric Nurses Association Nurse of the Year Award for leadership in healthcare and earned membership of the International Honor Society Sigma Theta Tau.

Lakisha is a board member of the Middlesex United Way, the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, currently serves as President of the Rotary Club of Middletown and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and Hartford Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Most importantly, Lakisha and her husband, David—her lifelong partner and best friend—are the proud parents of two remarkable children, Eden Zayair and Elijah Saint Patrick.