

Carol Mitchell



Carol Mitchell is the Senior Counsel for Justice Services for the Pierce County Executive's Office. In this multi-faceted role, she is the primary influencer and advocate for equity and harm-reduction in the criminal justice system. Her Pierce County accomplishments include the launch of the Pierce County Data-Driven Justice Workgroup, the Birth-to-25 Advisory Committee, and Criminal Justice Diversion Steering Committee. These multi-agency

collaborations with the community are focused on reducing disparities and designing effective interventions for individuals who are justice-involved.

Mitchell's leadership in the behavioral health/criminal justice space led to the award of more than \$7m dollars of "Trueblood" funding for behavioral health programming over a 3-year period. She was recently appointed to the Governor's General Advisory Committee for the statewide Trueblood settlement agreement implementation.

Mitchell credits her legal training and organizational development expertise as the keys to her success as liaison to the elected Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Judges and the Law Library Board. She also provides strategic oversight for the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, the Medical Examiner and the Superior Court Clerk. She also brings deep public sector knowledge and “in the trenches” experience from roles as the Chief HR/Organizational Development Officer for Metro Parks Tacoma, Chief HR Officer for the Port of Tacoma, and Public Relations Officer for Pierce Transit.

Mitchell is a strong proponent of formal education and life-long, experiential learning. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Washington, a Master of Arts in Organizational Systems Renewal from Seattle University, and a Juris Doctor from Seattle University School of Law. Recently, Mitchell retired after 17 years as host of “*CityLine*”, a local talk show airing on TV Tacoma’s Channel 12. She is a familiar emcee for local Tacoma events, such as the City of Tacoma’s Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony, and the City of Destiny Awards. She derives the greatest joy from spending time with her lovely mother, 8 siblings, 3 daughters, and 6 grandchildren.