## **Charlotte Gossett Navarro Biography**

Charlotte Gossett Navarro is the Puerto Rico Chief Director for the Hispanic Federation. Based in San Juan, she oversees all of the Federation's Puerto Rico operations and advocacy efforts across the archipelago. In her first five years as Director, the Hispanic Federation successfully raised and invested over \$51 million in private funding for more than 140 local groups and initiatives addressing disaster relief and recovery, long-term sustainable development, civil rights, and democracy. Throughout her 20 years career, Charlotte has worked to advance justice with diverse Latinx and immigrant communities, across broad, intersectional issues, such as education, criminal justice, mental health, immigration, and climate, energy, economic and food justice.

Prior to Hispanic Federation, Charlotte managed the New York Immigration Coalition's (NYIC) statewide expansion and multiple advocacy campaigns, which led to passage of the Green Light NY bill to grant state driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants, and the Westchester Immigrant Protection Act to restrict collaboration between county employees, police, and jails with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the first county in NY state to pass such legislation.

Charlotte received a Master of Public Administration in Urban and Social Policy from Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, a Master of Social Work from Columbia University School of Social Work, both in New York City, and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, Latin American Studies, and Justice from American University in Washington, D.C.