



Cheryl Carrier's Bio

Cheryl Carrier is the Executive Director of Ford Next Generation Learning (Ford NGL), the signature education program of Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services.

Cheryl leads the team responsible for developing and managing the innovative Ford NGL program, which is designed to engage educators, employers, and community leaders in the common goal of preparing today's high school students for the careers of tomorrow. Through community engagement, Ford NGL provides a proven framework to develop high school academies that are career-themed and provide students with opportunities to engage in relevant, academically rigorous, authentic learning opportunities.

Currently, there are 30+ communities across the country that are using the Ford NGL framework and are supported by Ford Motor Company Fund. Cheryl works closely with business executives, government/civic leaders, and economic development and workforce development intermediaries to help align education with the skills needed by companies and the local region.

Cheryl is also part of a team at Ford Motor Company responsible for developing the new "Powered by Ford" high school STEM academies as a way to improve students outcomes in Ford locations and prepare students for high-skill, high-wage jobs.

Cheryl joined Ford in 1978 and has held positions in Engineering, Finance, Business Strategy, and Investor Relations. Cheryl assisted Ford Executive Chairman William Clay Ford, Jr., for many years, including a special assignment with the Detroit Lions, as the Human Resource Director, where she was responsible for developing human resource policy. Cheryl retired from Ford on December 31, 2013 and has been retained by Ford Motor Company Fund to continue as the Executive Director of Ford NGL.

Cheryl serves on the boards of Alignment Nashville, Advance CTE Education Foundation, Future Plans and is a member of the Ford STEM Advisory Council. She resides with her husband in Petoskey, MI.