

### **Tony McCright, Jr.**

Tony McCright, Jr. is the Sr. Program Specialist on the Justice Initiatives Team where he works For NLC in the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families to implement restorative criminal justice polices at the municipal level. Prior to this role, he began as NLC's first Justice Reform Fellow, using his lived experience in the carceral system to bring new approaches to ongoing and new initiatives. Before coming to NLC, he was a Fellow in the Georgetown University Pivot re-entry program and went on to support research and marketing projects for change-making organizations across the education and criminal justice space.

While incarcerated, he took part in several ground-breaking pilot programs. Tony volunteered to be one of the 1<sup>st</sup> mentors on the Young Men Emerging unit, which was designed to provide specialized programming for men 18-25. He was also in the pilot Georgetown University Prison Scholars and Humanity in Prisons programs.

In addition to his work for other organizations, he has successfully launched multiple entrepreneurial ventures. His current venture is a social impact real estate investment company that combats the historical effects of redlining by informing, organizing, and providing opportunities for residents in the Hampton Roads, Va. area to invest in their own neighborhoods. His ultimate goal is to expand the economic, housing, employment, and service opportunities available for returning citizens. Tony holds a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University.