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Her life's work consists of efforts to reduce inequities and bias in education, elimination of the preschool to prison pipeline, and building the capacity of adults and caregivers to meet the needs of our most vulnerable populations through education and training. She is a "Culture Shifter".