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Christine Fonner is a dynamic and inspiring speaker with over 20 years of leadership experience spanning the nonprofit, corporate, and educational sectors. Her passion for leadership development, especially in challenging environments, shines through in every presentation. With a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Bilingual/ESL K-12, as well as a Master's in Transformational Leadership and Change Management, Christine combines deep academic insight with real-world experience.



35+

Organizations



17+

Industries



20+

Years of Experience



2

Degrees in Leadership



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## SPEAKING TOPICS

- ✓ **Radical Care Leadership:** Explore how leaders can cultivate a culture of "Radical Care" that fosters emotional well-being, enhances productivity, and creates a supportive environment for all employees.
- ✓ **Navigating Difficult Conversations:** Learn new skills to handle tough conversations with empathy and confidence. Turn conflict and uncomfortable challenges into new opportunities to strengthen your team.
- ✓ **Building Highly Effective Teams:** Effective communication is the foundation of any successful team. Learn the skills needed to improve communication, resolve conflicts, and build stronger, more cohesive teams.

## Client Testimonials

Christine's approach to leadership is refreshingly authentic. Her emphasis on the importance of communication and meaningful relationships, combined with her focus on radical care, has helped our team see the value in every interaction. I highly recommend her as a speaker for any organization looking to build a more caring and accountable culture."

*Sarah O'Connor*

Christine has a natural talent for making everyone in the room feel seen and valued. Her insights into leadership, particularly in challenging environments, are invaluable. The tools and strategies she shared have already begun to make a difference in our school's culture."

*María Gonzalez*



# Navigating Difficult Conversations



We have been taught that conflict is bad and that arguments get us no where. Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of human relationships and can be a positive experience in your organization. Good conflict cultivates innovation, creativity, and trust.

Learn how to navigate difficult conversations with confidence, calmness, and new strategies that will shift your feelings from, "UGH THIS IS HORRIBLE!" to "Wow - I feel so much better!".

You will learn strategies for navigating difficult conversations, strategies for mutual agreements, and conversation starters to set you up for success.

# Radical Care in the Workplace



Twenty years ago we didn't really talk about love in the workplace or joy or care. We talked about accountability. We talked about performance. We talked about KPI's. We told you to leave your kids at home. Don't worry about them. They're in daycare somewhere. You don't get to bring that to work.

If we look at the statistics around mental wellness in our country right now, we're in crisis. And I believe it's directly related to how we're treating people at work.

It's time to be shifting to being holistic leaders that take care of our people - personally and professionally. What are you doing in your leadership to help those you lead to show up as their whole selves?



# Other Popular Topics



- Expectations vs. Agreements
- The Role of Self-Actualization in Leadership
- From Survive to Thrive: How Leaders Can Cultivate Personal and Organizational Growth
- Leading Through Adversity: Life After Toxic Leadership
- Gallup Strengths Based Leadership
- Bridging the Gap: Effective Communication for Stronger Teams
- Building Highly Effective Teams
- Creating Joy in the Workplace: The Power of Play and Creativity
- Strategic Change Management
- Building Resilient Communities: Lessons from Trauma-Informed Organizations
- Transformational Leadership
- The Leader in All of Us: Lifting Every Voice in Your Organization
- From Survive to Thrive: How Leaders Can Cultivate Personal and Organizational Growth
- Living Your Potential: The Role of Self-Actualization in Leadership
- Adventure and Leadership: Learning Through Nature-Based and Outdoor Experiences

# About Me

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Christine has worked in diverse settings, including South LA schools, the Bronx, rural schools across the United States, and juvenile facilities in New York and Washington State. Her background in trauma-informed environments informs her unique approach to leadership and communication. She is a firm believer that everyone is a leader, and through intentional practice, accountability, and radical care, leaders can cultivate meaningful relationships and foster organizational success.

Christine's presentations are more than just talks—they are transformative experiences. She challenges audiences to step outside their comfort zones, embrace radical care, and develop joy and creativity in the workplace. Christine's engaging style and ability to connect with diverse audiences make her a sought-after speaker for schools, businesses, and organizations looking to inspire and empower their teams. Whether she's addressing educators, corporate leaders, or community groups, Christine delivers practical strategies and motivational insights that leave a lasting impact.



# The Podcast



THE EXECUTIVES' LOUNGE

The "Executives' Lounge Podcast" by Christine Fonner offers an intimate and thought-provoking space where women in leadership share authentic stories and leadership journeys. With each episode, listeners are invited to explore the challenges, triumphs, and insights of exceptional leaders who are paving the way for a new era of leadership.



## MOST PLAYED EPISODES

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**Ep19: You Don't Have to be an Expert  
to be a Leader**

with guest Nikki Gianni

**Ep3: When the Office Has No Walls**

with guest Elysa Walk

**Ep1: Language is POWER**

with guest Aimee Ansari

**Ep20: Scientifically Fringe-tastic!**

with guest Dawn Bentley

**We are  
redefining  
leadership one  
amazing story  
at a time.**

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THE LOUNGE

**1**

Year

**3**

Seasons

**100+**

Interviews



## ARE WE A GOOD FIT?

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"Christine has a unique ability to connect with her audience on a deep, emotional level. Her concept of radical care resonated with our faculty, inspiring them to think differently about leadership and their role in creating a positive school culture. She doesn't just talk about leadership; she lives it, and that authenticity comes through in every word she says."

— Dr. Jessica Harrington

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

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"The way Christine integrates her extensive experience in trauma-informed environments with her radical care leadership approach is truly transformative. Our team walked away not only inspired but equipped with actionable strategies to improve communication, build stronger relationships, and cultivate accountability within our school."

— John Mitchell



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## GET IN TOUCH

Are you ready to transform your organization's culture and inspire your team to lead with empathy, accountability, and Radical Care?

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