

Assad I. Turfe saw from an early age the economic and social disparities that impacted families like his and made it his mission to make a meaningful change to positively impact lives. Assad has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy from Concordia University. Assad is a graduate of The Young American Leaders Program at the Harvard Business School and currently is attending the Staff and Command, and Executive Law Enforcement Leadership program at Eastern Michigan University. Assad began his career as an entry-level deputy in the Wayne County Sheriff's Office in 2002. Assad rose through the ranks to become one of the youngest lieutenants in the history of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. In 2015, Assad joined the Wayne County Executive's Office. Prior to him assuming the Chief of Staff role, Assad held the position of Chief Assistant and was an integral member of the team that moved Wayne County from the brink of bankruptcy to continued improvement in credit ratings year after year. He currently serves as the Chief of Staff for Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, overseeing the appointment and management of executive personnel and ensuring that the staff reflects the diversity of Wayne County while all 43 communities are being served and represented. As Chief of Staff, Assad plays the important role of being the gatekeeper for the County working behind the scenes to solve problems, mediate disputes, and deal with issues before they are brought to the County Executive. Assad maintains and fosters relationships in the 43 communities that make up Wayne County. Assad's years of institutional knowledge, relationships, and leadership experience made him instrumental in bringing together the 43 communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, connecting Mayors, Township Supervisors, Congressional Delegation, State Legislators, and the Countywide elected officials to ensure that information and resources were pulled together for the betterment of the residence that Wayne County serves. Finally, Turfe was recently selected as one of Crain's Detroit Business "50 Names You Should Know in Government."