

Portfolio

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Education

Master of Urban Planning

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Specializing in Community Development

Bachelor Degree in Urban and Regional Planning

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Specializing in Economic and Community Development

Associate Degree in Business Administration

Parkland College, Champaign, IL

Specializing in Small Business Development and Management

Certifications and Training

Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) - 2015

Project Management Institute

Emerging Leaders Program - 2019

Carle Foundation Hospital

Experience

**January 2014
to Present**

Senior Project Manager

Carle Foundation Hospital

Urbana, Illinois

- Managed projects ranging from Healthcare IT to Business Development
- Projects included establishing a Transitional Care Clinic, moving 1,100 staff to a new administrative building, and optimizing Carle's Primary Care Department's operations

**May 2013
to January 2014**

Weatherization Program Coordinator

Comprehensive Community Solutions Inc.

Rockford, Illinois

- Responsible for starting up a million dollar program
- Hired staff
- Prepared reports to the State of Illinois

**March 2007
to May 2013**

Senior Neighborhood Planner

City of Garland, Texas

Garland, TX

- Implemented Strategy For Vital Neighborhoods Program
- Developed critical materials needed to work with neighborhoods
- Wrote neighborhood plans for pilot focus areas of the Strategy
- Worked to make critical changes to the pilot process

**August 2001
to March 2007**

Executive Director

South West Ideas For Today and Tomorrow

Rockford, Illinois

- Small business planning services
- Promoted the South West quarter of the city
- Prepared comprehensive plan for a neighborhood target area

Achievements

Dean's List, University of Illinois 1993

Chairman's Award, University of Illinois 1994, for work in East St. Louis, IL

Highlights

University Community Partnerships

While enrolled at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, I spent three years working with the University's East St. Louis Action Research Project. As a graduate student, I took on the task of managing and coordinating outreach events for other students. We engaged in both planning and physical improvement projects as a way to impact the community of East St. Louis. I felt this was one of the most rewarding experiences of both my education and my career. I would like the opportunity to do the same for other students.

Nonprofit Management

While working in Rockford, Illinois, I served as the director of community organizing, housing development, and economic development organizations. This gave me the opportunity to work in partnership with other nonprofits. I fully understand nonprofit funding and the challenges that are associated with it.

Community Planning

During my career, I have developed a very unique approach to neighborhood planning. My process involves creating a study of the neighborhood followed by a plan that is not based upon what resources are available, but what the neighborhood needs. The plan is followed by asking each participating organization to develop their own action plans to identify what they intend to contribute to the effort.

Healthcare

I have spent eight years working in a healthcare project management office. I have been exposed to almost every aspect of the hospital and have developed a good understanding of how the organization works. This level of understanding is critical to designing and managing community engagement activities as related to healthcare.

Project Management

Community development work is difficult at best. It is easy to launch efforts only to see them stall out or fail. My knowledge and experience in project management provides me a different type of mindset that is often lacking in the community development world. Project management provides a mindset that is determined to accomplish a project's goals. My eight years in a healthcare project management office would allow me to blend both healthcare and community development.

Local Government

I worked for seven years in Garland, Texas as a senior neighborhood planner. During that time, I gained insight into how local government works and how department leaders think. This knowledge would be a significant plus when engaging a community's local government. Having a well versed person in engaging a city or county government organization would greatly increase the likelihood of success.

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Community Development Experience

Neighborhoods

Throughout my career, I have had a focus on neighborhoods. My experience includes organizing, training, and neighborhood planning. I have engaged in the improvement of neighborhoods in East St. Louis, IL, Rockford, IL, Garland, TX, and Dallas, Texas. During this time, I developed an approach I have named Build Neighborhoods. I have designed a 150 page manual, PowerPoint presentations, and handouts to be used to train neighborhood leaders to take charge of their neighborhood and community.

Nonprofit

Nonprofit leadership has been a role I have played in several nonprofit organizations. Serving as either Executive or Deputy Director, I have experienced the nature of nonprofits and learned extensively about management, reporting, fundraising, and planning. Most of this experience occurred while working in Rockford, IL. While working for the SWIFTT organization, I designed, funded, and operated a neighborhood technical assistance center.

Housing Development

I gained housing development experience while working for Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc. and Trinity House, Inc. in Rockford, IL. I served as the Deputy Director of Construction and Neighborhood Revitalization for CCS. They operated a Federal program called YouthBuild which trained young people in construction skills while renovating houses. Later I worked with CCS to continue work on a new construction subdivision. I have experience putting together project budgets, managing subcontractors, and payout request to funding organizations.

Project Management

Since 2014, I have served in the healthcare industry as a project manager. I have my PMP credentials and have managed a wide variety of projects. Healthcare is a highly regulated industry making even the smallest project complex. The lessons and techniques I learned are applicable to all types of projects, regardless of the industry. The project values ranged from fifty thousand to multi-million dollars and spanned typically six months to two years in length. On average, I managed four to five projects at any time.

Previous Positions

Senior Project Manager

Carle Hospital Urbana, IL

Healthcare projects

Weatherization Program

Coordinator

**Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc
Rockford, IL**

Start-up of a weatherization program funded by the State of Illinois

Senior Neighborhood Planner

City of Garland, TX - Garland, TX

Implemented the Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods

Housing Development Manager

Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc. Rockford, IL

Providing affordable housing by developing new construction homes

Executive Director

South West Ideas for Today and Tomorrow, Inc. Rockford, IL

Provided technical assistance to neighborhood leaders and small businesses

Executive Director

Trinity House, Inc. Rockford, IL

Assisted other nonprofits with housing for their participants

Deputy Director of Construction and Neighborhood Revitalization

Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc. Rockford, IL

Managed construction staff, budgets, and logistics for housing renovation

Director

St. Patrick's Neighborhood Organization
Neighborhood organizing