



Bridget Back

Deputy Director | Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program | Hazard, KY

Bridget Back currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP). In this role, she oversees and coordinates all workforce services, creating innovative programs for the region's employers and jobseekers and ensuring that programs comply with state and federal regulations. Her leadership has been instrumental in advancing the EKCEP's mission to enhance employment opportunities and economic growth in the region.

Back is a seasoned workforce development executive with over years of experience in the field. She has a distinguished track record of securing and managing grants and building and implementing effective workforce development programs. Before joining the EKCEP, Back gained valuable experience in the manufacturing and customer service industries, enriching her workforce development approach.

She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Strayer University and an MBA from Union Commonwealth University. In addition, Back holds several workforce development industry credentials: She is certified as a global career development facilitator and is also a certified career services provider, certified workforce development professional, and certified business services consultant.

Back is also an active member of her community. She has been recognized for her dedication and service with several awards including the Pony Award for Exceptional Service and the Who's Who of Professional Working Women Award.



Lavea Brachman

Visiting Fellow | Brookings Metro | Columbus, Ohio

Lavea Brachman, a visiting fellow at Brookings Metro, spent five years as vice president of programs at the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, a spend-down foundation that is based in Detroit and operates in the metropolitan regions of Detroit, Michigan and Buffalo and Rochester, New York. At the foundation, she directed two portfolios—Young Adults and Working Families, and Entrepreneurship and Economic Development—developing investment strategies advancing upward mobility to middle-skill, middle-

wage jobs and promoting inclusive economic growth. Recently, Lavea has focused on developing systems-based workforce training strategies, building inclusive entrepreneurship ecosystems for minority and women small businesses, and developing and overseeing place-based inclusive economic growth initiatives.

Prior to joining the foundation, Lavea co-founded and spent a decade as executive director of the Greater Ohio Policy Center, leading the organization's growth as an influential, nonpartisan "think and do" tank championing urban revitalization and sustainable and equitable growth.

Lavea graduated with honors from Harvard College, holds a law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, and earned a master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Robert Cherry

Chief Executive Officer | Partner4Work | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Robert Cherry is chief executive officer of Partner4Work, the leader of the public workforce system for Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. In his role, he drives Partner4Work's workforce development activities, a vital component of the region's overall economic vitality. Robert builds successful partnerships, offers new and innovative ideas, and pilots strategic solutions to grow and connect the workforce with the jobs of today and in the future.

Prior to his position with Partner4Work, Robert managed six internal bureaus as the appointed deputy secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and served in several roles with Employ Milwaukee, the workforce development board serving Milwaukee County.

Robert holds a BS in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. He is an elected board trustee of the Village of Brown Deer.



Chris Groner

Director of Office of Development Finance | City of Erie | Erie, Pennsylvania

Chris Groner is the Director of the Office of Development Finance for the City of Erie. He is responsible for managing the public financing tools for economic and community development projects in the city. That includes multiple gap financing revolving loan funds, infrastructure and industrial development funds, city and state grant resources, the city's American Rescue Plan funds and the city's enterprise and opportunity zones. In addition to assisting businesses with their financing needs, he is responsible

for identifying gaps in the system and finding solutions to meet the needs of the business community.

Prior to his current position, Chris served as Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development for the City of Erie. His duties included managing city economic, infrastructure, and housing development funds, administering the city's LERTA tax abatement program, and overseeing the city's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation. He also served as the Vice President of Capital Finance and Lending for the Erie County Redevelopment Authority where he managed township business and industrial development funds, USDA financing, a CDFI that serves multiple counties in the region and the various county enterprise zones. Chris holds a BS in finance from Penn State Behrend.



Charles Hillman

President & CEO | Columbus Metropolitan housing Authority | Columbus, Ohio

Charles Hillman has served as president and chief executive officer of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) since 2010. During his tenure, he has expanded the CMHA's housing portfolio from 1,500 to nearly 6,000 mixed-income multifamily units, increased the valuation of its housing portfolio to nearly \$1 billion, averaged over \$150 million in annual development activity (with an agency record of \$275 million in 2024), and secured an A+ rating from S&P Global. The latter has

helped the CMHA leverage over \$260 million in bond issuances for the development and preservation of mixed-income housing.

Hillman has over 30 years of experience in real estate and housing. He has dedicated his career to providing access to housing for all and to securing life-giving supportive services for the residents he serves.

Active on many boards and advisory councils, Hillman serves on the boards of Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, the Rise Together Innovation Institute, the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, and the Columbus Museum of Art.

Hillman holds a BBA from Bowling Green State University, an MBA management certificate from Loyola University, and is a graduate of Harvard University's Next-Generation Executive and Emerging Leader Program.



Geoff Marietta

Executive Vice President | Addiction Recovery Care | Louisa, Kentucky

Geoff Marietta currently serves as the executive vice president of finance for Addiction Recovery Care, the largest provider of treatment for substance use disorder in Kentucky. Marietta is an entrepreneur, educator, and transformational leader working and living in the Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky. He previously served as an entrepreneur-in-residence at the University of the Cumberlands, director of the Appalachian Impact Fund, and founded Invest 606, eastern Kentucky's first and only

business accelerator and pitch contest. He was recently named 2024 Kentucky Investor of the Year by the Kentucky Inno on Fire Awards.

Marietta was born and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota, on the Mesabi Iron Range and earned a BS in forestry from the University of Montana. He went on to earn his MBA from Harvard Business School and a PhD from Harvard University.



Natoya Walker

Minor Deputy General Manager | Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority |
Cleveland, Ohio

Natoya Walker Minor is the deputy general manager of administration and external affairs for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. In her role, she is responsible for government relations; implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion; driving the organization's brand; and leveraging relationships to connect the community. Natoya is an executive leader with a history of leading community-wide collaborations. She is accomplished at leading public-private philanthropic partnerships for social impact. Natoya holds a BA in political science and government from the University of Toledo, a Master of Public Administration from Barusch College, and a Doctor of Executive Leadership from the University of Charleston.



Sabrina Saunders Mosby

President and CEO | Vibrant Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sabrina Saunders Mosby serves as president and chief executive officer at Vibrant Pittsburgh, a premier economic development membership organization. Sabrina serves as the region's central resource on workforce diversity and inclusion, bringing together communities and businesses. She is a proud native of Pittsburgh—known as the “City of Bridges”—and she has dedicated her career to helping others bridge gaps. A visionary thought leader in the realm of workplace inclusion, Sabrina has held senior roles in various nonprofit organizations and has served nearly a decade in the government sector. She has a proven track record of partnering with business and community leaders to drive strategic change and develop impactful local programs and is a sought-after speaker and facilitator. In addition, Sabrina has received many awards and honors, including as an Athena Young Professional Finalist, inclusion in *Ebony Magazine's* Top 30 on the Rise, the *Pittsburgh Courier* Fab 40, Pittsburgh Magazine's 40 under 40, Whirl Magazine's 50 Finest, and the *Pittsburgh Business Times' Power 100 List* and C-Suite Leader Award.

Sabrina serves on the boards of Allegheny Health Network, the Pittsburgh Women's Alliance, Pennsylvania American Water, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Level Communities, NACD – Three Rivers Chapter, and Mount Ararat Community Activity Center. She is an alumnus of Leadership Pittsburgh's LDI XVII Program and holds an MS from Carlow University and a BA from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.



Kenneth Oehlers

Executive Director | Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio | Athens, Ohio

Kenneth Oehlers is the executive director at Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio, where he has spent the last 12 years helping families in Appalachia Ohio build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. In his role, Ken has grown the organization's programs to include homeownership, critical home repair, and microloan programs. During his tenure, the organization also created a construction social enterprise and job training program that provides construction services to low- and moderate-income families and local housing nonprofits.

Active in the Southeast Ohio region, Ken serves on many local boards and advisory committees that focus on housing, nonprofit management, fundraising, substance use disorders, and economic development. He is vice chair of the board of directors at Habitat for Humanity Ohio, an organization that provides training, support, and advocacy for all Habitat for Humanity affiliates throughout the state of Ohio.

Ken holds a BA in business administration from Ohio University. He is a graduate of Leadership Athens County and the New Strategies program at Georgetown University.

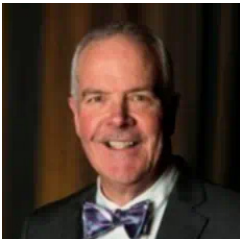


Greg Perelka

Executive Vice President | CHN Housing Capital | Cleveland, Ohio

Greg Perelka has been the executive vice president for CHN Housing Capital, a community development financial institution (CDFI), since 2020. CHN Housing Capital is an affiliate of CHN Housing Partners, which is based in Cleveland, Ohio, and provides affordable housing products to borrowers in Northeast Ohio and Detroit, Michigan.

Perelka is an accomplished senior executive and board member with over 30 years of success across the CDFI, banking, and financial services industries. He has also held various leadership roles with Newrez LLC, Freedom Mortgage Corp., New York Community Bank, Ohio Savings Bank, and Citizens Financial.



Kurt L. Reiber

President and CEO | Freestore Foodbank, Inc. | Cincinnati, Ohio

Kurt Reiber has served as president and CEO of the Freestore Foodbank since 2012. Feeding American has recognized Kurt and his team for their work in capacity development for their community partners and for their innovative work in workforce training, and inducted Freestore into Feeding America's 2021 Advocacy Hall of Fame.

Prior to his current role, Kurt served on Freestore's Board of Directors from 1996 to 2010, including four years as chairman of the board. Before devoting his work fulltime to Freestore, Kurt served as senior vice president of the Real Estate Capital Group of KeyBank for 29 years. Kurt is an accomplished executive with more 40 years of experience in the non-profit and for-profit sectors.

Kurt graduated from Baldwin-Wallace University with a BA in economics and finance and holds a JD and MBA from the University of Toledo. He is a member of Leadership Cincinnati's Class #36 and Leadership Northern Kentucky 2017, and was named 2020 Nonprofit CEO of the Year by the *Cincinnati Business Courier* and received the Southwest Ohio 2022 People of Vision Award from the Ohio affiliate of Prevent Blindness.



Jamie Remp

Executive Director | King's Daughters Child Care Center | Wheeling, West Virginia

Jamie Remp cares for children in a nurturing, safe environment encouraging positive educational experiences which promotes social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. Jamie oversees the accreditation through National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to ensure high quality learning by connecting practice, policy, and research. She leads all fund development projects through grant writing, fundraising and annual appeal to support an operating budget of \$750,000.

Previously, Jamie served as the Trust Officer for WesBanco Trust & Investment Services and Banking Center Manager for JPMorgan Chase. Jamie is involved with several community organizations including St. Clairsville Rotary Member, Women's Giving Circle – Member, WV PreK Steering Committee for Ohio County Schools and WVNCC Advisory Committee: Early Childhood Care & Education. She is also a member of Leadership West Virginia Class of 2021 and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Fairmont State University and a master's in education from Capella University.

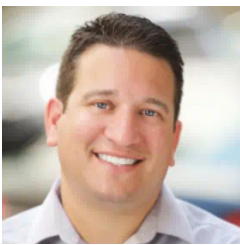


Amy Riegel

Executive Director | Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio | Dayton, Ohio

Amy Riegel has served as executive director of the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio since June 2022. Prior to her current role, she was the senior director of housing for managed care organization CareSource, for which she initiated and led the deployment of \$50 million in strategic investments in affordable housing across multiple states and helped to launch and replicate Healthy Beginnings at Home, a nationally recognized research study on the relationship between housing stability and healthy birth outcomes.

Amy is an accomplished housing advocate with more than 15 years of experience working with nonprofits and government entities, including the City of Dayton, for which she provided policy leadership and designed programs in the areas of housing development, asset-based community development, community engagement, education, and homelessness.



David Rothstein

Senior Principal | Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund | Cleveland, Ohio

David Rothstein is senior principal at Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund which leverages municipal engagement to improve the financial stability of low- and moderate-income households by embedding financial empowerment strategies into local government infrastructure. David leads the effort to expand access to safe and affordable banking through the national Bank On movement. This includes partnering with and supporting more than 100 Bank On coalitions and over 400 banks and credit unions

of all sizes to grow the availability of accounts meeting the Bank on National Account Standards. David also leads external Bank On partnerships, working with regulators, funders, and national stakeholders.

Previously, David served as deputy director of Resource Development and Public Affairs for Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, providing fund development and policy leadership. He also served as a senior research fellow for the New America Foundation in asset building and the Program Director for the Ohio CASH Coalition with Policy Matters Ohio where he published dozens of policy briefs and academic articles.

David has a BA in political science from John Carroll University and an MA from Kent State University.



Kandis Williams

Executive Director | LISC Cleveland | Cleveland, Ohio

Kandis Williams is the executive director of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Cleveland, a national community development intermediary and community development financial institution (CDFI). In this role, Williams leads LISC Cleveland's community investment efforts and programming to support affordable housing, economic development, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization in Cleveland and throughout Northeast Ohio. Previously, she served as the vice president for economic

opportunity with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress (CNP), where she led programs focused on economic development, workforce development, and economic mobility. Prior to joining CNP, Williams was vice president of Community Development Lending with Citizens Bank, directing capital to affordable housing and community revitalization projects in Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

She also previously served as senior vice president for Village Capital Corporation, which is the CDFI lending subsidiary of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, and held other leadership roles in local government and nonprofit community development.

Williams holds a bachelor of arts in urban studies from the College of Wooster and a master of urban planning, design, and development from the Cleveland State University Levin College of Urban Affairs. She contributes her time and expertise to a variety of local efforts through activities such as serving on several nonprofit boards and municipal committees.