

Lifting Up School Success Across the Public and Affordable Housing Sector
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Jenny Hicks is an expert in developing and scaling youth initiatives and supporting adult learning. She serves as an advocate for cross-sector collaboration adapting tools and quality improvement systems for youth programs specifically in affordable and public housing. Jenny established and grew the HousED affordable housing and education network from its inception in 2011 to its current status as a national model for collaboration and quality improvement. Jenny currently provides technical assistance to build the youth-serving capacity of affordable and public housing providers across the country.

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Abra leads the *Housing Is* Initiative, an effort aimed at better aligning housing with other systems like education and health to improve life outcomes for low-income individuals and families. Abra previously analyzed and advocated for housing, education, and place-based early childhood and dual-generation initiatives with the Center for the Study of Social Policy and Illinois Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie's office. She also worked as a practitioner with low-income and homeless individuals in Washington, D.C. and Chicago, focusing on workforce development. Abra holds a Master's of Public Policy from the Harris School of Public Policy and a Master's in Social Work from the School of Social Service Administration, both at the University of Chicago, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Women and Gender Studies from Brandeis University.

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In her role as data and analytics manager at Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF), Nicole manages data collection, analysis, and data visualization efforts for various initiatives and projects, including the Resident Outcomes Initiative. Nicole also leads SAHF's involvement in the Chapin Hall Collaborative. Prior to joining SAHF, Nicole was a program analyst at a large child welfare organization, JCCA, where she worked on data analysis, database management, and outcome evaluations. She also holds public policy experience from her work with the District of Columbia Council. Nicole holds a B.A. in Government from the College of William & Mary and a Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) with a concentration in Policy Analysis from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service.

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In her role as Director of the Resident Outcomes and CORES initiatives, Alexandra works with SAHF member organizations and industry stakeholders to identify opportunities for collaboration, improve the consistency and integrity of community level data, demonstrate the impact of service-enriched rental housing, and build support for this work at the practitioner, policymaker, and investor level. In addition, Alexandra manages the Certified Organization for Resident Engagement & Services (CORES) Certification. Prior to joining SAHF, Alexandra was the Director of Resident Services for Somerset Development Company where she developed and managed partnerships, program design, and systems for financial and outcomes tracking. Previously she worked on the national Resident Services Initiative at Enterprise Community Partners. Alexandra holds a Master's degree in Community Planning from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Arts degree from American University in a self-designed interdisciplinary major: "Power and Poverty in the Media."

Jennifer Peck

President and CEO

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Jennifer has led PCY since its founding in 2001. During her tenure she has developed and implemented initiatives to build high quality after-school and summer-learning programs, access to meals and health care for students, and integration of social and emotional learning in the education system across California. PCY is known for its strategic work linking policy, practice and politics and has helped to identify systemic gaps for disadvantaged students, test solutions on the ground in communities, and scale through policy and thought leadership. In 2006, as California prepared to launch Proposition 49's substantial new investment in after school programs, Jennifer led the advocacy effort for state legislation that dramatically reformed the Initiative and prioritized funding for schools in the state's lowest-income communities. Jennifer led the creation of the California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance, the California Summer Matters Campaign, the California Community Schools Network, and HousED – the nation's first effort to improve the capacity of affordable housing organizations to provide quality learning supports to children. She also co-chairs the state's Social and Emotional Learning Task Force which is building resources, tools and technical assistance for educators at all levels of the system.

Prior to joining PCY, Jennifer spent eight years as an appointee of President Bill Clinton at the United States Department of Education, where she supported implementation of initiatives including student loan reform, School-to-Work, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Jennifer has a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology and Women's Studies from Colgate University.

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In her role, Clare manages the Real Estate Advisory Committee and Resident Services programs and directs the operations of the National Real Estate Programs team within NWA. This role focuses on interdepartmental collaboration efforts, communications, managing procurements and grants, and execution of network-focused events. Through partnerships and technical assistance, she also serves as the subject matter expert on environmental sustainability strategies for the NeighborWorks network. Prior to joining NeighborWorks, Clare focused on the engaging the residential, and specifically affordable housing, market in the LEED for Homes program for six years at the U.S. Green Building Council, as the Manger of Residential Market Development. Prior to that she worked in a Cambridge, MA-based architecture firm as a contract and project specialist. Clare holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Gender Studies from the University of Richmond.