

Curt Peterson Consulting Biography

Many consultants working in the nonprofit sector provide insights and ideas that help improve organizations. Curt Peterson provides more than just ideas. He provides top-quality “management on call,” both for organizations in transition and for collaborative and ad hoc efforts that move our community forward.

Many successful nonprofit organizations in Minnesota have turned to Curt as an interim executive or manager during times of succession, change, crisis or transformation, including Ain Dah Yung Center, The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, The Aliveness Project, Headwaters Foundation for Justice, Youthprise, YWCA of Minneapolis, Minnesota Fathers and Family Network (MFFN), The Link, Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN), St. David's Child Development and Family Services, Faith's Lodge, The English Learning Center (ELC), Wayside House, TeenWise, The Bridge for Youth, Teens Alone, Perspectives, the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY), and West 7th Community Center. Curt's ability to internalize the mission and history of an agency while still driving needed reforms leverages a time of uncertainty into a chance for growth. His blend of good listening, morale restoration, pragmatic decision-making, and relentless energy and productivity have supported many fantastic nonprofits to come through challenges and continue advancing their missions for years to come.

Curt also excels as the central driver and manager for ambitious collaborative efforts combining multiple nonprofit and government sectors to drive broad change. Initiatives like these often fail when they are nobody's key job responsibility. Even a small application of Curt's time keeps work moving forward. Curt's key role in the ongoing operation of the Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative and the launch of the Juvenile Justice Coalition of Minnesota are examples. Curt has also served as organization development consultant for the 2008 Governor's Afterschool Summit, the Homeless Youth Funders Group, the Minnesota Youth Policy Framework Coalition, the Ready4K partnership Summit, the Minnetonka Family Service Collaborative, the Hennepin South Services Collaborative, and Youth Community Connections. Curt applies his energy, common sense, boldness and consensus-building skills to help stakeholders create desired innovations and reforms.

With over thirty-five years of experience, Curt also has impeccable skills to consult on all aspects of organizational development including start-up and turnarounds, assessments, strategic planning, and plan implementation. More than 150 nonprofit, intermediary, foundation and government organizations have used Curt to accelerate change and achieve mission-related goals. Curt's extensive experience, contacts, and most of all his personal blend of boldness, pragmatism, person skills, and flawless follow-through make him a great choice to move your organization and mission forward.