



Sarah Fischler, MPA is a Principal Consultant for Mission Spark. For more than 11 years, Sarah has worked with nonprofit and mission-driven organizations in a variety of roles including multiple senior staff positions, and as a grantmaker, board member, consultant, and volunteer. Sarah's consulting practice is focused on partnering with organizations to improve their effectiveness and increase mission impact through practical, realistic solutions that encourage innovation and adaptability.

Sarah has worked on nearly 100 consulting projects and facilitated more than 50 trainings across Colorado.

Key Services

While Sarah is a generalist and can consult in nearly all areas of nonprofit management and leadership, she focuses her work in these areas:

- Board development
- Enhancing organizational effectiveness, sustainability, and adaptability
- Assessment and evaluation
- Organizational planning and strategy
- Fund development planning and strategy
- Working with rural organizations
- Leadership development
- Customized consulting and technical assistance
- Workshop facilitation and custom training
- Research, analysis, and writing

Professional Experience

Most recently, Sarah served in a variety of leadership positions with the Community Resource Center (CRC), a statewide capacity building services provider based in Denver, Colorado. During her time with CRC, Sarah served as Director of Consulting and as Interim Co-Director. As Interim Co-Director for nearly a year, Sarah co-led a complete organizational restructure, partnering with her colleagues to enhance CRC's long-term sustainability.

Before coming to CRC, Sarah served as the Director of Grantmaking and Mission Initiatives for the Denver Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure where she oversaw the distribution of nearly \$10 million in funding. During her time with Komen, Sarah led the development of a nationally recognized, best practices grant making model that was implemented in other Komen Affiliates across the country. Sarah's also directed the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Alumni Associations, worked as a fundraiser for the Seniors' Resource Center, and is a contract program officer for The Denver Foundation and the Anschutz Family Foundation.

Sarah co-chaired the Colorado Common Grant Application Revision Drafting Committee, chaired the Colorado Common Grant Application Revision Drafting Committee, and is the immediate past Board President for the Denver Young Nonprofit Professionals Network. Sarah also initiated and served as the co-director of the Weathering the Storm project, a collaborative effort between CRC and the Colorado Nonprofit Association that included two statewide surveys, two comprehensive reports, and more than 30 trainings across Colorado to promote nonprofit sustainability and effectiveness. The project received national news coverage from Forbes.com, MSNBC.com, and the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*.

Educational Background

Sarah received a bachelor of arts in history (summa cum laude), a bachelor of science in business administration (cum laude), and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Colorado. Sarah was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award for her graduate thesis, *A Capacity Building Needs Assessment for Colorado's Nonprofits*.