

ERIC SMITH

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER

Since 2008, Eric Smith has been serving with Think Tank to help launch various collaborative initiatives tackling tough social issues. This work has included the establishment of the Miami Valley Fatherhood Initiative to pilot and scale promising practices related to father absence, and the Springfield Promise Neighborhood initiative to pilot and scale promising practices related to the achievement gap that exists between poor youth in low-income neighborhoods and their better off peers. Prior to Think Tank, Eric served in Africa with an international development organization, and on a workforce development program with a local community action agency.

Eric received his BA from Taylor University with a double-major in History and International Studies. He will complete in 2015 his MA in Community Development from North Dakota State University. Eric holds professional certifications in such areas as Asset Based Community Development. Currently, Eric teaches a Building Leaders to Build Communities class through Clark State Community College.

Eric's experience and education have helped to strengthen his natural interests, abilities, and skills in everything from community, program, and organizational development to workshop facilitation and curriculum writing. For sixteen years Eric has been using his skill set in one way or another to build communities where ALL people can thrive regardless of socioeconomic background.



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