

DACE WEST

Dace West currently serves as the Co-Director of the Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships (DOSP), a City office created by Denver's Mayor to serve as a bridge between the City and its nonprofit sector. Dace's primary work for DOSP involves development and delivery of training and technical assistance to better connect government and community; managing DOSP's community collaborative work, including their involvement in the Denver Transit Oriented Development Fund; leading DOSP's nonprofit capital support projects; and overseeing Office's energy efficiency priorities.

Dace's role at DOSP allows her to work across the majority of the City's sixteen departments, including close interaction with the Office of Economic Development, Community Planning and Development, and the Mayor's office on environmental sustainability, Greenprint Denver. Dace also partners actively on specific projects with nearly 100 nonprofit organizations, as well as providing general support to the 2,300 nonprofits connected to DOSP.

Prior to her employment with the City, Dace worked for over a decade in a variety of nonprofit agencies with a strong focus on poverty related issues and community development. She was instrumental in building a nonprofit in Denver that negotiated the City's first Community Benefits Agreement and has engaged in a number of initiatives in both a nonprofit capacity and a City capacity to support efforts to build sustainable and inclusive communities. Dace has expertise in fundraising, program development, leadership and board development, policy research and analysis, training and technical assistance, collaborative and coalition building, and community organizing. In addition to a focus on community development, she has worked on a broad variety of issues including health care, welfare reform, employment and training, early childhood education, international human rights, victim advocacy, trauma recovery, labor, and women's issues.

Dace has also served on a number of boards, including President of the Rocky Mountain Survivors Center, Vice President of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network, Secretary of Abusive Men Exploring New Directions (AMEND), the Denver Center for Crime Victims, the Program Committee for the Colorado Nonprofit Association, and Commissioner for the Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships.

Dace received her Masters of Nonprofit Management Program at Regis University in 2004. She received her bachelors degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1998 and graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa.