



THE VECINO GROUP
Housing for the greater good.

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SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPER

ABOUT

Heather is a Permanent Supportive Housing Developer at the Vecino Group. Her life goal is to see the end of homelessness. She has spent her career working to that end. Prior to the Vecino Group, Heather established the Community Initiatives Department at Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC), providing oversight of \$16 million dollars of homeless assistance annually. During her time at MHDC, Missouri was one of only five states to decrease family homelessness and decreased homelessness by 15% statewide. Heather sees permanent supportive housing as the best path to permanently eliminating homelessness, which is why she joined the Vecino Group in 2014.

EXPERIENCE

- 2014–PRESENT** **Supportive Housing Developer**
THE VECINO GROUP
- Collaborate with non-profits, private funders, and government officials to secure funding to develop permanent supportive housing for persons who are homeless. Responsible for lead community meetings in relation to supportive housing initiatives, complete housing applications to secure funding and provide presentations and education on homelessness.
- 2017–PRESENT** **Adjunct Professor,**
School of Social Welfare
THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
- Provide instruction to social work candidates, with special concentration on social policy.
- 2006–2014** **Community Initiatives Manager**
MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
- Oversee homeless assistance programs for the state of Missouri (\$20 million annually), including Housing Trust Fund, Continuum of Care, Homeless Management Information System, Housing First and Emergency Solutions Grant. As well as oversee supportive housing initiative in relation to low-income housing tax credits (\$13.5 million annually).

SKILLS

- > Accomplished presenter
- > Leader & Educator
- > Community & Economic development
- > Coordination & Subcontracting
- > Marketing
- > Program development & Community organizing

PUBLIC SERVICE

- Board Member
SAVE, INC
- Executive Committee Board Member
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS
- Appointed Board Member
COUNCIL ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS
- Executive Board Member & Grants Committee Co-Chair
GREATER KANSAS CITY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS
- Missouri Legislative Captain
NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS

EDUCATION

- Master's of Social Work**
THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music Therapy**
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI