



COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION



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Geri Sanchez Aglipay is the Midwest Outreach Manager who leads Small Business Majority's outreach efforts in Illinois state and Greater Chicago, as well as Wisconsin and Northwest Indiana, and she is also National Manager of Women's Entrepreneurship overseeing programs nationwide regarding entrepreneurship education training, advocacy, and policy issues. In the past four years, she focuses on strengthening the small business ecosystem to foster public policies that support small business owners and the self-employed toward an inclusive and thriving economy, plus crafts and delivers entrepreneurship education with partners like the National Women's Business Council, the United States Small Business Administration, nonprofits such as AARP, Small Business Development Centers, City of Chicago, chambers of commerce and more. Her efforts have special focus on advancing owners of color and women in entrepreneurship to strengthen personal financial security and contribute to vibrant local economic development.

Her economic and community development work in managing over \$4 million in projects in her career is complemented by her experience in federal workforce development training, having spent over a decade in Washington, DC. There she worked with federal agencies, community-based organizations, and academia on workforce issues in which she also monitored federal policy, advised on advocacy, and managed the administration of federal public health workforce centers nationwide. She has published in scholarly journals on health workforce matters, including on research and analyses she conducted, as well as in mainstream news on small business issues.