



# COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION



## SOL ANDERSON

As the Executive Director of LIFT-Chicago, Sol is responsible for cultivating new key partnerships, building and sustaining relationships with new and existing donors and supporters, and leading the development of LIFT-Chicago's strategic plan in concert with the Program Staff and the LIFT-Chicago Regional Advisory Board. He also serves as a part of LIFT's national Leadership Team, which creates and implements strategy for the entire national organization. Before coming to LIFT, Sol served as the Youth Coordinator for the City of Evanston, IL. In this role, he worked with Evanston community agencies to develop and strengthen programming for youth and young adults, managed the Youth & Young Adult Job Training & Employment Program, and connected youth and families to local supportive services. Sol has nearly two-decades of experience working with diverse, underserved communities in the youth services and workforce development fields. He has worked in multiple capacities along the service-provision spectrum, from directly working with clients, to developing and managing programs, to creating community-wide strategic plans and initiatives for people in need. Sol earned a B.A. in Social Relations from Michigan State University in 2001 and an M.B.A., also from Michigan State University, in 2005. He is a dyed-in-the-wool, unabashed Michigan State Spartan. Sol was born and raised in Grand Rapids, MI and currently lives in Evanston, IL with his wife and son.