

Jennifer Birmele Housing Director

Jennifer Birmele oversees Community Shelter Board's housing programs for people facing homelessness. This includes the direct client assistance program for short-term rent and utility assistance, the Unified Supportive Housing System for lease-up and vacancy management of permanent supportive housing, and strategic work to build and expand partnerships with property owners. She ensures that housing programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are administered effectively and in compliance with funder requirements.



Jennifer has more than 16 years of experience working with affordable housing programs and housing homeless families in the Springfield area. She most recently worked for the Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority. Jennifer received her bachelor of business administration degree in 1999 from Franklin University and master of public administration degree in 2019 from Arkansas State University.

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served 15,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing programs. Community Shelter Board is funded by the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the United Way of Central Ohio, The Columbus Foundation, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Ohio, and many other public and private investors.