

Sara Loken **Community Relations Director**

Sara Loken leads Community Shelter Board's community relations, government relations, and communication efforts. In this role, she works to build public awareness about CSB's work to make sure everyone in our community has a place to call home. She engages a broad array of public and private stakeholders and participates in local, state, and federal advocacy activities. Sara leads media relations efforts and crafts presentations, speeches, and public testimony to advance CSB's mission.



Sara serves on the board of 1girl, a leadership development organization for school-age girls. She is also the board chair of Partnerships for Authentic Learning & Leadership, a non-profit organization transforming the way we teach, learn, and serve our communities. She is a certified trainer in Fierce Conversations and is a member of Leadership Columbus' Signature Program Class of 2020.

Sara has more than 25 years of non-profit experience in the field of homelessness. She joined Community Shelter Board in 1998 as an Executive Assistant, and later held roles as Administrative Director and Chief of Staff. From 1995 to 1998, Sara was the Manager of Administrative Services for Friends of the Homeless, Inc.

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.