



Stephanie Chernay is the Chief Operating Officer at Neighborhood Allies. In this role, Stephanie will serve as a key member of the executive team that is directly responsible for the day-to-day responsibility of planning, implementing, and managing operational and financial-related activities of the organization. Stephanie will ensure that organizational systems are aligned to provide the best-in-class measurements and outcomes.

Stephanie is a locally recognized community and economic development professional that brings a diverse skill set to the organization. Over the last 15 years, Stephanie has held several leadership roles in the non-profit sector with a focus on leveraging economic resources to create meaningful prosperity in disadvantaged communities. Stephanie also possesses a strong knowledge of financial management, real estate, and capacity-building, along with experience in marketing, business development, and consulting.

Prior to joining Neighborhood Allies, Stephanie briefly worked for UPMC as a proposal manager/writer and quality assurance manager. Prior to that, Stephanie served as the Deputy Director of Economic Development South (EDS), the first multi-municipal economic development corporation in Allegheny County. Stephanie was directly responsible for operational and financial oversight in direct partnership with the executive director through shared impact projects and initiatives across 13 South Pittsburgh/South Hills communities. During her tenure at EDS, Stephanie help secure over \$22 million in grants.

Prior to joining EDS, she worked as a Community Development Consultant for the South Pittsburgh Neighborhoods of Beechview and Brookline working on projects related to community and economic development. Concurrently, Stephanie worked as the Business Development Director/Main Street Manager and Elm Street Manager for the Northside Leadership Conference for three business districts in the Northside neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

Stephanie's expertise is focused on project management, community and economic development and analysis, business and market development, complex analysis and trend mapping, partnership architecture, relationship building, managed fundraising strategies and development, entrepreneurship training, marketing and communications, and group process and collaboration.

Stephanie holds a master's degree in business administration from Hood College and a bachelor's degree in urban studies and comparative urbanism from the University of Pittsburgh. Stephanie recently obtained her Economic Development Finance Professional certification from the National Development Council. In addition to her professional efforts, Stephanie currently serves on the advisory council for New Penn Landing. Stephanie lives with her husband Michael and her step-daughter "bonus" daughter, Morgan in the South Hills.