

Mary Cacioppi



Mary Cacioppi has more than 22 years of combined experience in community development, economic development, and poverty reduction. She currently serves as executive director of One Body Collaboratives and is the founder of Bridges to Prosperity Rockford Region, which works to reduce poverty and implement a poverty-reduction strategy in her local community of Rockford, Illinois. She also put on the Inaugural TEDxRockford event.

At the national level, Mary serves on the board of Emerge Solutions. Emerge promotes lasting solutions to close the economic gap and build community sustainability at the local, regional, and national level by building a network of advocates to advance economic inclusion and opportunity across our communities. She is also a member of the National League of Cities Economic Mobility Peer Network.

Locally, Mary serves on the Workforce Connection Employer & Public Engagement Committee and the Community Action Agency Board in Rockford. She is a past board member of Next Rockford, the Rockford Area Economic Development Council, and the Rockford Network of Professional Women.

Mary holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Madison University, where she graduated with honors (cum laude). She is a past recipient of the Rockford Chamber's 40 Leaders Under 40 and Woman Business Leader of Tomorrow awards, honoring her professional and volunteer achievements. She was also recently named one of the region's "25 Most Interesting People" by *Northwest Quarterly* magazine.

Certifications

Business Retention & Expansion, International Economic Development Council
Business Marketing and Attraction, IEDC
Community & Economic Development Professional Core Curriculum, Years 1-3

Selected workshops presented by Mary Cacioppi

Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities
Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World
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