

KJ Hardy Bio

KJ Hardy is the Director of Development at Communities In Schools of Chicago where she leads the development team, focused on empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life. KJ was the Director of Development at Reading In Motion from 2011-2014 where she grew the board, increased overall giving, and successfully planned and led the 30th Anniversary Celebration Event with 260 in attendance, raising \$267K gross. KJ began her work in 1993 in higher education, from residential education to alumni relations at DePaul University, to development at the University of Illinois at Chicago. With a Masters in Counseling (DePaul '97) and Second City Improv under her belt, KJ is committed to building relationships that result in Communities In Schools of Chicago reaching more underserved Chicago Public School students.

KJ is also an adjunct professor at DePaul University, teaching in the School of Education, in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program.