

## **Nick Cichowicz**

Nick Cichowicz became the Executive Director of WATCH in March 2017. Thanks to his legal and corporate background, significant nonprofit leadership and commitment to social justice, Nick brings diverse skills and knowledge to the post.

Between May 2011 and September 2013, Nick spent two years as a senior grant writer and community developer for Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH), where he established and implemented a legal clinic for low-income residents, wrote grant proposals, led efforts to support homeless youth and led fund-raising efforts. After that, he served as compliance manager for Target Corporation's new prescription dispensing program. Most recently, he served for more than three years as Executive Director of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

After receiving his law degree from Hamline University in May 2003, Nick clerked for Judge Charles H. LeDuc of the Ninth Judicial District of Minnesota. He then worked as a sexual abuse prevention account manager for Praesidium, Incorporated, where he planned and carried out audits designed to reduce the risk of sexual abuse of children, the elderly and vulnerable adults. In March 2009, Nick was appointed as executive director of Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program.

Nick serves as the secretary of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission. Nick has served as chairman of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association and Restorative Justice Community Action of Minneapolis. He served for six years as a member of the board of directors of Dress for Success Twin Cities.

He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, two children and dog.