

TEAM MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

TEAMWORKS is a research and management consulting firm based in San Francisco, California. Its clients include foundations, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government. The firm was created in 1985 and has managed several hundred projects. To best serve clients, TEAMWORKS partners with other organizations and people, recruiting top talent who work as sub-contractors. This approach enriches the range of experience, skill and perspectives brought to a project. For the NRP evaluation Neil Mayer made important contributions to the research design and managed much of the statistical work; Gabriel Kasper and Jack Sylvan mastered the databases and conducted extensive statistical analyses. Candace Campbell ably used her local insight, making critical contributions to the report. We would like to also acknowledge Melissa Diamant who assiduously gathered many of the databases used for this project. Finally, Renee Berger directed the overall project and was deeply involved in all phases of its production from design, through data analysis, to authorship.

Renee Berger, President of TEAMWORKS, has over 25 years of consulting experience in the fields of evaluation and organization development. She's done considerable work in the Twin Cities, including projects for and the Family Housing Fund, The McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis Foundation, The St. Paul Companies, and Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Ms. Berger is a well-established national figure, known particularly for her work in community development, including managing national surveys of community development corporations. Ms. Berger is a well-published author. Her works include: "People, Power, Politics, Planning" (American Planning Association: 1997), Profiles of Excellence: Achieving Success in the NonProfit Sector (Jossey-Bass Publishers: 1991), and Public-Private Partnership in American Cities: Seven Case Studies (Lexington Books: 1982). Prior to founding TEAMWORKS, Ms. Berger worked for the White House, the Committee for Economic Development, and served as a consultant to numerous organizations in the United States and abroad.

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And for the citywide survey...

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