

Maggie Potapchuk

Maggie Potapchuk is a consultant who works with individuals, organizations, and communities to build their capacity to address race, power, and privilege issues. She served as technical assistance manager for the Initiative to Strengthen Neighborhood Intergroup Assets for the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region. She is currently working with five foundations in different communities to pilot the, *How-To Forum: Creating Collaborative Approaches to Address Racial Injustice*. Each foundation is convening race relations and racial justice organizations to explore how to work collaboratively on community issues. A short list of her clients is: Annie E. Casey Foundation, California Tomorrow, The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, National League of Cities, and Voices for America's Children.

She was formerly Senior Program Associate with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, where she worked on the Network of Alliances Bridging Race and Ethnicity (NABRE) program. NABRE cultivated and nurtured 185 race relations and racial justice organizations through its online interactive features, applied research projects, and outreach activities. As part of her work, Maggie developed the "Inclusive Community Assessment Tool." Her second publication, *Holding up the Mirror: Working Interdependently for Just and Inclusive Communities*, shares lessons learned from the national How-To Forum

Ms. Potapchuk was Director of the Dismantling Racism Program at the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), St. Louis Region. Maggie organized NCCJ's Dismantling Racism Institute and provided ongoing technical assistance to 180-plus Institute graduates. Also, she was project director and primary author of CommUnity-St. Louis, a comprehensive community initiative to address racism. Ms. Potapchuk was honored for her work by the St. Louis YWCA, which gave her its 1999 Racial Justice Award.

For the past 17 years, Ms. Potapchuk has facilitated diversity and anti-racism workshops, created awareness and dialogue programs, worked with white people to help understand the dynamics of racism and to become change agents, and consulted on institutional change projects to create more inclusive communities and organizations. Ms. Potapchuk received her B.S. in child and family community services from Bowling Green (Ohio) State University, and her M.Ed. in organizational development and applied group studies from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

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