

H.E.L.P.

Introducing Joseph A. Cislowski, M.P.P.

Joe Cislowski is articulate, strongly committed to H.E.L.P.'s mission and has substantial experience with both aging programs and nonprofit management. Throughout his career, he has worked to solve problems facing the most vulnerable members of our society. He has led organizations offering social services both to elders and people with disabilities. Through his legislative staff positions with both the U.S. Congress and the California Legislature and his work at the National Institutes of Health, Joe has a solid track record with Medicare and other health and consumer concerns.



Joe's more than 15 years of nonprofit experience, including more than a decade of service as an executive director, have taught him much about leading strategic planning and implementation, program development and evaluation, public relations and marketing, government and community networking, and board recruitment and training. He has succeeded at directing fundraising via special events, corporate sponsorships, foundation and government grants, individual donations, program fees and in-kind donations. And he has effectively administered financial management and decisionmaking, and human resources and office management.

Most Recent Professional Experience

Independent Living Center, Claremont, CA (2006 to present): *Interim Executive Director*. Agency helps increase independence and enhance the quality of life for San Gabriel Valley residents with disabilities.

Southern California Leadership Network, Los Angeles, CA (1999 to 2005): *Executive Director*. Agency created to develop a network of exemplary leaders in the business, government, and community sectors capable of addressing the critical challenges facing the five-county Southern California region.

Center for Health Care Rights, Los Angeles, CA (1996 to 1999): *Executive Director*. Agency focused on individual and systemic advocacy programs for Medicare and other health care consumers.

The Generation Group, Los Angeles, CA (1991 to 1996): *Principal*. Policy and management consulting services to nonprofit organizations, research centers, medical institutions, private funders, and government agencies.

Education

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA (1984): *Master of Public Policy*. Concentration in Health Policy.

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA (1981): *Bachelor of Arts*. Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude* honors. Major in Political Science.

Activities

Joe is Vice Chair of the County of Los Angeles Public Library Commission, and has served as a board member or volunteer for numerous nonprofit associations, including the Center for Nonprofit Management, Jewish Federation, United Way, and UCLA Alumni Association.

Personal

Joe is a Southern California native. He and his wife Ruth are the proud parents of son Bailey (age 6) and daughter Amanda (age 20 months). An award-winning photographer, his work has been exhibited at Christie's in Beverly Hills and the Julia Dean Gallery in Venice, California.