



Lindsey Barrett

Senior Consultant

Position with Firm

2024–present **Senior Consultant.** Researches public policy across a variety of topics, including community and economic development and education. Analyzes qualitative and quantitative data and translates findings to diverse groups of stakeholders. Plans and facilitates stakeholder engagement, focus groups, and strategic planning sessions.

Previous Professional Experience

2023–2024 **Partnership Manager, The Skillman Foundation, Detroit, Michigan.** Developed and operationalized grantmaking and changemaking strategies aimed to increase youth voice and influence in K–12 education policy and systems change. Facilitated participatory strategy design and grantmaking processes. Cultivated and maintained collaborative grant partner relationships.

2021–2023 **Associate Partnership Manager, The Skillman Foundation, Detroit, Michigan.** Conceptualized, designed, and executed a first-of-its-kind \$500K grant program that enabled Detroit youth to directly apply for grant funding to carry out community- and school-based mental health projects. Leveraged strategic communications, survey outreach, listening sessions, and webinar facilitation to expand the Foundation’s engagement with Detroit youth and youth-serving organizations.

2019–2021 **Program and Impact Fellow, Council of Michigan Foundations, Detroit, Michigan.** Managed a place-based collective impact initiative of community, school district, public, private, and philanthropic partners to enhance in-school student support, expand college and career pathways, and accelerate youth-focused community development. Conducted and delivered research and data analysis to advise Michigan philanthropic leaders on diverse teacher recruitment and retention strategies.

2018–2019 **David Bohnett Leadership and Public Service Fellow, City of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan.** Supported project management of strategic framework neighborhood planning process. Facilitated collaboration among city departments, community stakeholders, and project consultants. Conducted background research, needs assessments, and data analysis of housing, economic development, open space, and streetscape conditions. Facilitated youth and community engagement and focus group sessions.

2017–2018 **Graduate Coordinator**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Managed the Office of Vice President for Student Life’s Intercultural Development Inventory program to support undergraduate student success. Designed curriculum and marketing materials and facilitated training for program coaches.

2013–2017 **Teacher**, *Henry Ford Academy*, Detroit, Michigan. Planned and implemented rigorous curriculum aligned with state education standards, leading students to above grade-level growth in core subjects. Analyzed data and monitored progress to inform instruction. Coached peers on foundational principles of Design Thinking.

Education Michigan State University, BA in Elementary Education
Michigan State University, MA in Teaching and Curriculum
University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Master of Public Policy

Activities

- Advisory board member, Funders’ Collaborative on Youth Organizing, 2023–present
- Coach, Rosedale-Grandmont Baseball League, 2021–present
- Board member, Detroit Achievement Academy, 2021–2023
- Coach, Henry Ford Academy Design Thinking Summer Institute, 2016