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Kris Putnam-Walkerly Biography

Kris Putnam-Walkerly, MSW, has worked with and advised foundations and non-profit organizations since 1990. Over the course of her career she has served as a grantmaker, consultant, facilitator, evaluator, project manager, and board member. In 1999, Kris Putnam-Walkerly established the philanthropy consulting firm Putnam Community Investment Consulting, Inc. Putnam Community Investment Consulting helps foundations and nonprofits assess need, develop effective programs, align organizational strategies, and evaluate impact.

Kris has consulted with numerous foundations to help them plan and implement grantmaking programs in the areas of leadership development, child and adolescent health, youth development, health access, substance abuse treatment, homelessness, elder abuse prevention, economic development, evaluation, and organizational capacity building. Recent and current clients include the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Cleveland Foundation, Fujitsu USA, Rapides Foundation, Stuart Foundation, California HealthCare Foundation, Northern California Grantmakers, and Hispanics in Philanthropy*. She has advised foundations on grant proposals and programs ranging from \$10,000 to \$14 million, and served as consulting program officer for *The California Endowment* as well as for the *Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation*.

Prior to establishing Putnam Community Investment Consulting, Kris worked as a grantmaker at the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and an evaluator at the Stanford University School of Medicine. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Horizon Foundation and the Steering Committee of the National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers. She is a member of the American Evaluation Association, Ohio Program Evaluators Group, Hispanics in Philanthropy, and Bay Area Blacks in Philanthropy. Kris also co-founded the Philanthropy Consultants Network.

Kris holds a master's degree in social work from San Francisco State University and a bachelor's degree in anthropology and political science from Indiana University, Bloomington. In 2003, she completed the Ethics for Foundation Consultants training at the Institute for Global Ethics.

Kris is married and has three stepchildren. She and her family reside in Avon Lake, Ohio.