

Vice President

Bea Kelleigh



Bea is the person to turn to when faced with a complex, long-term goal and uncertain path. She has proven herself again and again in public health, environmental health, education, early childhood development and human services. Her experience in organizational start up and large collaborative initiatives provides her a unique view into how to move the ball far downfield.

Before joining Dovetailing, Bea led a host of community health, human service and education organizations and initiatives. As a co-founder of the Country Doctor Clinic, she helped establish health services for vulnerable people. As the first Executive Director of the Northwest AIDS Foundation, she built legislative support for needed funding against great odds, while building one of the nation's first and most respected organizations to serve people living with AIDS. As Director of Seattle's Division of Early Learning and Family Support, she strengthened outcomes for kids, while fostering nationally recognized Preschool – 3rd grade efforts.

As a partner at Cedar River Group, Bea made a mark helping public, private, philanthropic and non-profit players mount collaborative projects grappling with tough issues bigger than any one could solve on their own. At the Hanford Health Information Network, she helped three states and nine Columbia Basin Indian Nations identify and communicate the health effects of environmental exposure to radiation. At the Project Lift-Off Opportunity Fund, she brought public and private funders and service providers into a learning community to improve services for family, friend, and neighbor caregivers. Her ability to see the end game and scaffold communication, public will, policy, funding and governance has been invaluable.

Bea's strengths run from concept development of large initiatives like the Early Care and Education Coalition to organizational leadership, strategic planning, communications, policy research and public engagement.

Her extended network of family, friends and colleagues provides ample opportunity to support her many civic efforts. As a world traveler and community leader, she invests personal capital mentoring emerging leaders and immigrant communities.

Successful Projects

- Co-created Project Lift-Off Opportunity Fund's aligned and pooled funding mechanisms
- Led development of scientific review processes and risk communication information for 2 million people exposed to radiation from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation
- Led development of the Seattle PreK-3rd Partnership Action Plan
- Conceptualized and led the Early Care and Education Coalition (EC²) and Born Learning Washington public awareness and education efforts
- Consulted on conceptual development and co-led start-up of Thrive by Five Washington
- Led development of the *Getting School Ready! Guide* and Neighborhood Action Team transition process and education campaign
- Led research, facilitated planning and deliberation and wrote the Washington Preschool Plan and the state-wide Ready and Successful Schools PreK-3rd Grade Plan
- Led research and community engagement in support of a group of Oregon funders seeking to identify the best way to invest in strengthened parenting education services

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Recommendations

"Bea was the first person from the Human Services Department to take the time to visit the mosques and community centers in our Seattle Somali community. She has helped us to see that there are people who care about voiceless communities and that when dedicated people work together many things become possible. She is an angel sent to lead us to the light at the top of the mountain."

Mohamed Sheikh Hassan

Director
Afrique Service Center

"I know of few people with Bea's level of passion, commitment, energy and wisdom around early learning issues. She is particularly adept at bringing people and organizations with diverse interests together to work towards common goals and has been a powerful catalyst in building capacity in regional collaborations. She is a highly-skilled professional with great expertise and I highly recommend her!"

Nina Auerbach

Former President & CEO
Washington Assn for Infant Mental Health

"Bea is an innovative thinker who is deeply committed to improving support for young people in our community. She brings a great balance of creativity and practical knowledge to the projects she works on. Over and over again the result is positive for the young people she cares passionately about. She is one of the foremost visionaries and strategists in our community focused on seeing successful early learning for all our children. I am struck by her consistent creative approach to thorny challenges."

Alan Painter

Policy Advisor
Office of King County Executive

"For a quarter century, I have been impressed by the range of talents and interpersonal skills Bea brings to every task. I watched her grow the Northwest AIDS Foundation from a mere vision to a multi-million-dollar service and advocacy giant. She simultaneously built community-based service programs and assumed a leadership role in developing and passing the Washington State AIDS Omnibus bill. She is as good as they get!"

Patricia Mc Inturff

Retired, Director
Seattle Human Services Department