



## Anthony “Andy” Fraizer Biography

Andy Fraizer is the Executive Director of the Community Foundation of South Jersey (CFSJ). Fraizer is responsible for leadership and execution of the Foundation’s mission delivered via three lines of business: donor services, impactful grantmaking working with donors, and community leadership to support an equitable and prosperous South Jersey. Fraizer relocated to New Jersey from Indiana in 2018.

In his first year of service, Fraizer led the board of directors through a five-year strategic planning process including a renewed vision, mission, and action plan to grow charitable assets for the benefit of South Jersey. CFSJ envisions an eight-county region thriving where all neighbors aspire, succeed, participate, and give. The vision is realized as the Community Foundation inspires generosity, manages and deploys permanent charitable assets, and exercises collaborative leadership to create a more equitable region. An important aspect of CFSJ’s community leadership work is to convene neighbors and local stakeholders who seek to create positive change. One example is the recently launched Transform South Jersey initiative — a collaboration of funders designed to increase social cohesion and build community capital within South Jersey towns.

The program uses the Orton Family Foundation’s national Community Heart and Soul model to strengthen small cities and towns by actively seeking the collective wisdom of all residents and stakeholders. The goal is to reconnect people with what they love most about their town, in order to turn their personal and emotional connections into a blueprint that becomes the foundation for future community decisions.

Fraizer previously served as the Executive Director of Prosperity Indiana. Fraizer’s work at Prosperity Indiana strove to support local innovation efforts that bridge people and place. He is passionate about a holistic approach to community development rooted in community assets and citizen initiative to transform communities using the power of relationships and networks. During Fraizer’s decade long tenure he moved Prosperity Indiana to comprehensive community development solutions by supporting the member network to develop strategies that building vital communities and resilient families.

Prosperity Indiana’s services to members include community builder and connector, capacity builder through training and consulting, advocate through education and policy engagement, and funder. Impacts during Fraizer’s time of service included increases in members, policy advocacy to create a mortgage foreclosure mediation process in state law, a new microbusiness development



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program, bringing to Indiana a small dollar lending program, and organizing an emerging community development financial institution.

Fraizer is board member of the National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA). He serves as the treasurer of the NACEDA board, where he works with community development associations and intermediaries across the nation. NACEDA’s mission is to lead the community development field and its partners in shaping and influencing strategies that advance community prosperity. He is a past board member with the Indiana Coalition for Human Services, Horizon House—a homeless day center and Family Development Services—a Head Start agency, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation—Indianapolis office.

Before joining Prosperity Indiana, Fraizer was the Director of Community Development for the City of Indianapolis. He directed the city’s aggressive community development agenda and was responsible for initiatives to produce and improve access to affordable housing, reuse abandoned properties, revitalize commercial districts, improve access to jobs and amenities, beautify communities and engage residents. In this role, he worked with local government agencies and community partners to promote a holistic approach to community development. Fraizer spearheaded city government’s participation in a multi-million-dollar comprehensive community development program — the Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative.

Fraizer is a 2019 Lead New Jersey Fellow. He is a past participant in the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the JFK School of Government, Harvard University, and a graduate of Achieving Excellence, an executive education program developed by NeighborWorks America in partnership with the JFK School of Government. Achieving Excellence is an 18-month educational program for seasoned executive directors and senior level staff in community organizations with a focus on affordable housing, community revitalization, or community economic development. Achieving Excellence included sessions at the Kennedy School of Government, as well as executive coaching, intensive peer learning and guidance from Douglas K. Smith, a principal designer of the program and renowned expert on performance, learning, innovation and change.

Fraizer earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana State University in Secondary Education and Political Science and a master's degree in Public Affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.