

## **Eric Weinheimer Biography**

Eric Weinheimer has been president and chief executive officer of The Cara Program since 1996. Under his leadership, The Cara Program has assisted thousands of individuals in their transition out of homelessness and poverty, and has become a national model for the alleviation of poverty through comprehensive training, job placement and innovative support services. Also during Eric's tenure, The Cara Program founded and established Cleanslate as a leading social enterprise committed to providing transitional jobs and on-the-job training to individuals who have significant obstacles to employment, including recent incarceration.

In 2009, The Cara Program received Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Award and the Chicago Community Trust's Chicago Neighborhood Development Award for Outstanding Community Strategy. In addition, The Cara Program has been recognized by national and regional organizations including LISC, Goldman Sachs and the University of Chicago for its success in lifting families out of poverty.

Prior to his position, Eric spent ten years in the financial services industry and he has a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. Eric currently serves on the Board of Directors for goodcity and Streetwise.