

## **Donna Fishman Bio**

Donna Fishman, MPH is the Director for the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health (NCCVEH) at Prevent Blindness. Donna brings to her position over 30 years of experience in public health. In her role, Donna coordinates the strategic programmatic efforts of the federally-funded NCCVEH, including the work of its Advisory Committee, state level initiatives, national partnerships, professional development, communications, publications, federal agency relationships and grant writing and reporting.

Donna has expertise in non-profit management; strategic planning; financial and grants management; program development, management and evaluation; coalition building and leadership; and grant writing. Donna previously wrote grants for the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and served as Director of Training at the Healthy Schools Campaign and as Co-Executive Director of the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (later renamed TeenWise). She has provided consulting services in grant writing, program management and evaluation for Chicago area and national organizations for several years. Consulting clients included the Illinois Public Health Institute, Temple Jeremiah, Rutgers - the State University of New Jersey, Generations United, Boys and Girls Club of Chicago and Be Strong Families.

Donna's Jewish involvement is extensive: she served in paid positions as Development and Engagement Director for the National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore and the Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking-(JCAST) Chicago. As a volunteer she served as Vice President of Community Service, President, State Policy Advocacy Chair and now Co-Chair of JCAST. She is an active member of Congregation Hakafa, and previous member of Congregations BJB and Beth Emet. She served on education and social action committees.

Donna graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana with a BA degree in Sociology and a minor in Women's Studies and holds a Master's of Public Health degree in Maternal and Child Health from the University of Minnesota.

Donna lives north of Chicago with her husband and in empty-nester as of September. She has one child in college and one working in New York City.