

Kevin Brown Biography

Kevin Brown joined the Safer Foundation team in February 2020 after serving eight years as the Youth and Young Adult Division Manager at the City of Evanston. In Evanston, Brown helped build a coalition of community-based agencies, school districts, non-profits and private businesses to implement a citywide violence reduction initiative that led to a 200% decrease in violence, theft, and drug related arrests for 16 to 24-years old between 2012 to 2018. At Safer, Brown was hired to develop, study and manage the Economic Development through Second Chance Hiring Project funded by the J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation. That program is creating employment opportunities in the banking and financial services industry for individuals with arrest and conviction records. The pilot is quickly developing into a national impact model.

Brown has a rich and diverse background in law, policy, education, and workforce development and training. He received his Juris Doctorate at Washington University in St. Louis, a Master of Arts in Theology from Western Seminary in Portland, OR and his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Northwestern University. He is an Executive Board member of the Evanston/Northshore National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and also on the Executive Board of the Organization for Positive Action and Leadership (OPAL). Kevin was named Director of Policy, Advocacy & Legislative Affairs in September 2020.