



Sarah Dieleman Perry is the Program Manager, Economic Opportunity. In this role, she works with partners to develop and implement initiatives that offer opportunities to residents to increase their resources and improve their quality of life. She oversees and integrates leadership building, community engagement, employment services, education, and wealth building into the community development system. As a connector, she provides resources to communities based on opportunities, needs, and data-driven strategies.

Sarah served Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development as a program officer since 2001 prior to its transition to Neighborhood Allies. Prior to her role at PPND, Sarah worked as a project manager with Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, implementing a housing strategy with resident involvement in Homestead, PA. She worked as a community organizer in Oakland for a summer while in graduate school. She got her start in community development as a community liaison for World Renew in Guatemala, assisting the national team in rural areas to make improvements in agriculture, health, and education. As an AmeriCorps VISTA member in Grand Rapids, Michigan, she organized the residents in a diverse neighborhood for new businesses and parks.

Sarah holds a Master's in Economic and Social Development from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, and majored in English and Philosophy at Calvin College. Influenced by John Perkins of the Christian Community Development Association, she has lived in an intentional Christian community in East Liberty for 15 years, where she lives with her husband and two children. In her free time, you can find Sarah running or cross-country skiing through Pittsburgh's beautiful neighborhoods and parks, hiking with her family, reading, or enjoying local live music.