



Shad Henderson, the Program Manager of Partnerships and Services, oversees and manages programs related to neighborhood advocacy, capacity –building, system alignment and strategic integration of community development activities, including comprehensive community planning and development. As such, he coordinates Neighborhood Allies CDC and CBO partnerships in a manner that produces new frameworks in understanding neighborhood changes and integrates all place-based and social development strategies to build vibrant, resilient, and sustainable neighborhoods for all residents.

Prior to joining the Neighborhood Allies team, Shad served as an Educator of 4-H Youth Development for the Penn State Center in Pittsburgh. There he piloted a leadership initiative for young African-American males of the East

End of Pittsburgh so they could become actively engaged in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of local neighborhood improvement projects. He has also worked as a Senior Executive Assistant to PA Senator Jim Ferlo where he conducted outreach activities throughout the 38th PA Senate District to serve as a conduit between constituents, the Senator and other state resources.

Shad is a life-long resident of the Pittsburgh region and is very passionate about improving the lives and neighborhoods that are desolate and suffer from poverty. His deep seated desire for community development came about while growing up in the Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar neighborhood of Pittsburgh and experiencing its rapid decline during the 1990's due to issues of gang violence, substance abuse, population loss and disinvestment. Since then, Shad has worked to turn his misery into ministry by diligently serving underdeveloped neighborhoods so they can be transformed from places of poverty into communities of promise and prosperity.

Shad holds a Master's of Public Administration from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh and he majored in political science, sociology and economics during his undergrad years at Pitt. He also holds a Human Resources Certification from the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University. Shad currently resides in Penn Hills PA with his wife Chareese and their two daughters Briahna and Edyn.