



The Community Foundation  
for Greater New Haven

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Dr. Penny Canny joined The Community Foundation staff in September 2008 and has a long history of community involvement, particularly in the area of public health and social policy. In her role, she develops strategy and knowledge and directs grants processes and outreach to local nonprofits.

Prior to working for The Community Foundation, Penny served as the managing director and chief operating officer at Connecticut Voices for Children, a research-based policy and advocacy organization focusing on child poverty and educational and health disparities in the state. Prior to that, Dr. Canny was Assistant Dean for the Yale School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health.

Penny serves a President of the Board of Directors for Datahaven, a comprehensive source for data about the regions. She was also chair of the Data Committee for the United Way of Greater New Haven's Community COMPASS project which brought together a diverse group of local organizations to conduct a comprehensive inventory of community need for the purpose of identifying opportunities for collaborative action.

Penny earned her Ph.D. in Chronic Disease Epidemiology from Yale School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. She resides in Hamden, Connecticut with her husband.