

Erin Eccleston

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As the senior director of community impact, Erin Eccleston leads the organization's team of regional community impact managers and sets the strategic direction for the organization's work in communities across the state. Through strategic partnerships, building public awareness, and activating champions for education, Erin and her team works to support a cohesive vision and aligned action plan for education in local communities across the state. Since joining the organization in 2013, Ms. Eccleston has led multiple local, regional, and state collaborations to advance equity in education and build support for achieving Arizona's education goals, as measured by the Arizona Education Progress Meter.



Erin has nearly twenty years of experience in developing and running community outreach programs for nonprofit organizations in Arizona and across the country. Prior to joining Education Forward Arizona, she spent over a decade developing and directing civic engagement and issue advocacy campaigns at the local, regional, and national levels. She has expertise in campaign strategy, staff development, volunteer recruitment and engagement, community organizing, public policy and fundraising. She has been a guest trainer at national conferences, facilitated leadership and advocacy trainings for community leaders, and created staff development workshops for national organizations.

As a first-generation college graduate, Erin understands first-hand the transformative nature of a quality education. She is a fierce advocate for ensuring all students have the opportunity to succeed in school and thrive in their career, community and life. That coupled with her passion for empowering citizens to solve pressing problems in their communities inspires her to do this work every day.

Erin holds two degrees from Penn State University, is the proud mama of a 4th grader. When she's not working hard to champion education, you can find her on one of Arizona's many incredible hiking trails, volunteering, experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen or practicing her dance moves.