



## **Vivo Foundation & Mara Botman**

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Mara Botman is the Executive Director of Vivo Foundation, a Chicago-based foundation focused on education equity. She is responsible for overseeing significant annual grantmaking, policy development, compliance, and organizational learning. Previously, she spent over a decade at the Circle of Service Foundation.

She currently serves on the boards of Braven, Cleveland Avenue Foundation for Education, Illinois Community College Board, and Kids First Chicago. These roles align with her commitment to community and education, reflecting her dedication to fostering educational equity and community development.

Mara holds an MBA from the University of Chicago with a focus on Behavioral Economics and Entrepreneurship, and a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in Social Policy and Political Science.