

**Christopher Chantson, Director of Development, Ingenuity**

Christopher is responsible for developing, implementing and leading fundraising strategies to support Ingenuity's work of ensuring that every student in Chicago Public Schools has access to the arts as part of a well-rounded education.

Prior to Ingenuity, Christopher was Director of Development at Start Early (formerly known as the Ounce), which provides and advocates for high-quality early education for low-income children from birth to age five. His responsibilities included fundraising strategy and leadership, relationship management, institutional grants, and department operations. He previously held development positions at Thresholds and The Chicago Chamber Musicians.

Christopher has been an AFP Chicago member since 2007, and is currently on the Board of Directors and Co-Chair of the Peer Mentoring Committee.

He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Performance from McGill University and DePaul University, respectively, and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, also from McGill.