

# Mark A. Lelle

## Bio



Mark A. Lelle is an independent consultant with over thirty years of experience in planning, implementing, and evaluating programs for foundations, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education. Mark's work often involves the integration of strategic planning, organizational assessment, and research to strengthen organizations and improve programs for the people they serve.

Mark's foundation clients have included the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, C.S. Mott Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, James Irvine Foundation, Lumina Foundation for Education, Skillman Foundation, The Ford Family Foundation, Marshall Community Foundation, Northwest Area Foundation, Cherokee Preservation Foundation, The Pokagon Fund, Battle Creek Community Foundation, Albion Community Foundation, the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, and The Guido A. and Elizabeth H. Binda Foundation. Other clients have included the Council of Michigan Foundations, the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Michigan Nonprofit Association, Western Carolina University, Albion College, Kettering University, and Michigan State University.

Prior to consulting, Mark served as Evaluation Manager at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where he participated in the design and management of major program initiatives including People and

Land, Managing Information with Rural America, Mid-South Delta Initiative, and Food and Community. Mark also co-authored the *W.K. Kellogg Foundation Evaluation Handbook*, which continues to be a valued resource in the field of program evaluation around the world.

Mark has provided state and national leadership to the nonprofit sector. He has served on the Centers for Disease Control National Expert Panel on Evaluation Guidance for Community-Based Organizations and on the boards of Michigan Habitat for Humanity, the Michigan Association for Evaluation, the Nonprofit Alliance, and the Calhoun County Trailway Alliance.

Mark has conducted numerous strategic planning and evaluation workshops for the Environmental Grantmakers Association, Grantmakers Evaluation Network, and Grantmakers for Effective Organizations. Mark has served as a journal reviewer for *The Foundation Review*, *American Journal of Evaluation*, *Journal of the Community Development Society*, and *Forest & Conservation History*.

Mark holds a Ph.D. in community development from Michigan State University. He has published in the fields of evaluation, service learning, natural resources, food systems, and the public purpose of higher education.

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