

# From BYU, SWKT, and ISP to NGOs, EDs and CHC: An Acronymic Path to Profession



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Starr Stratford is executive director of Community Health Connect, a nonprofit health access program in Provo, UT. Stratford has worked in the nonprofit sector for the last nine years with experience in a variety of sectors, primarily serving the homeless and underserved in healthcare. She helped start the Organization for Fatigue and Fibromyalgia Education and Research, a support group and resource information organization in Utah and served as executive director there for a year. Her experience also includes care coordination services at Wasatch Homeless Healthcare, program evaluation at 45th Street Homeless Youth Clinic, and tenant orientation systems with the Plymouth Housing Group, a nonprofit housing agency. She loves cultural adventures, and her travels include a BYU field study to Guatemala where she studied the effects of outside forces on community governance, which greatly shaped her paradigm of sustainable development, and she is drawn to projects where she can help others. All her experiences have given her a love for diverse cultures, travel, and hiking and skiing in the mountains near her home. She received a BA in cultural anthropology and a minor in international development from Brigham Young University and received a MPA with an emphasis in nonprofit management and international affairs from the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington. Stratford lives with her husband, Calder, in Midway, Utah.