



RICARDO (RIC) ESTRADA | PRESIDENT & CEO



Ric Estrada is CEO of Metropolitan Family Services. Founded in 1857 Metropolitan is one of Illinois' largest and best respected human services agencies. Since joining Metropolitan in 2011 Estrada has helped the agency more than double in revenue and families served.

Estrada has nearly three decades of leadership experience in human services, philanthropy and government. Prior to joining Metropolitan Estrada served as First Deputy Commissioner of the City of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS). Before that he served as Executive Director of Erie Neighborhood House in Chicago, where his accomplishments included founding the Erie Elementary Charter School.

His civic and community involvement is extensive and includes serving as a Trustee of the University of Illinois and Board Chair of the Woods Fund, as well as holding Board memberships with the

Chicago Council on Global Affairs, A Better Chicago and the Council on Accreditation. He is also a Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and Leadership Greater Chicago.

For three consecutive years Crain's Chicago Business has named Estrada to its list of "Who's Who In Chicago Business." He has been named an American Marshall Memorial Fellow, and he is a recipient of the City Club of Chicago John A. McDermott Award for Distinguished Social Leadership as well as the University of Illinois at Chicago City Partner Award. Additional honors include the Damen Award from Loyola University of Chicago, the University of Chicago's Inaugural SSA Social Impact Alumni Award, being named Leadership Greater Chicago's "Distinguished Fellow," and honored as "Person of the Year" by the Corporate Responsibility Group of Chicago.

In addition, he is a recipient of the Chicago Cubs' Roberto Clemente Award as well as the NFL Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award, was awarded a Kellogg CEO Perspectives Fellowship, and was selected as one of Crain's Chicago Business' "40 under 40" in 2002.

Estrada's educational background is grounded in social services and business, including an MBA from the University of Illinois at Chicago, an M.A. in Social Service Policy and Administration from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, and a B.S. in Psychology from Loyola University of Chicago.