



Dr. JoAnna Mitchell-Brown Bio

Dr. JoAnna M. Brown is an experienced senior researcher with demonstrated success working in the think tanks industry. Dr. Brown believes to build a better world, there are three key initiatives: educate, innovate, and elevate. As President and CEO of *JoAnna M. Brown & Associates*, a Senior Research Fellow with *Sagamore Institute* (a public policy think-tank), a Senior Analyst with *MMA Inc.*, and a Housing and Development Consultant with *Martindale-Brightwood CDC*, her unique background benefits businesses and organizations both local and national.

After earning her Bachelor of Urban Planning, Master of Public Administration and Policy, Master of Community Planning, and Doctoral Degree in Regional Economic Development (University of Cincinnati), Dr. Brown gained 15-years of hands-on experience building programs for non-profit organizations and governments in housing, community development/planning, and transportation.

- Working for the Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) as a Senior Housing Planner under a United Way grant, Dr. Brown collaborated with local jurisdictions, civic leaders, community stakeholders, and housing developers on workforce housing plans for inner-ring suburban communities.
- Dr. Brown tackled the hurdles of local government during her eight years as Senior Transportation Planner for the City of Cincinnati and as a Community Development Director for Silverton, Ohio. She understands the challenges.
- With a research focus on blight elimination, community needs assessments, and community impact studies, Dr. Brown worked on behalf of *The Children's Museum of Indianapolis®*, *Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity®*, *Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority*, foundations, and many others to determine current conditions/data, evaluate program impacts, and produce strategic plans.
- To develop the next generation of leaders and thinkers, Dr. Brown has held adjunct professor roles at Butler University in Political Science, the University of Cincinnati in Urban Planning, and Northern Kentucky University, teaching local government/planning, GIS, public policy, and more.

Together, her real-world experience and her academic background form the backbone for every project Dr. Brown undertakes.

Her journey has allowed her to cultivate expert-level skill in public speaking, fundraising, grant writing, leadership, and a broad understanding of the needs of non-profits. As a board member or consultant for multiple groups, Dr. Brown is committed to giving back to create a better world. Her philosophy is to build and leverage communities through knowledge. To learn more and find out

how Dr. JoAnna M. Brown can help with your next project, visit <https://joannambrown.com> and follow her on LinkedIn.

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