

Judy Halper has more than 30 years of experience in the social service sector, with more than 2 decades in the Jewish communal service field. She currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis where she has held the position since 2005.

Judy was born and raised in Minneapolis. She holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Antioch University West in San Francisco and undergraduate degrees from the University of Minnesota in both Psychology and Women's Studies. Judy's early career focused on therapeutic interventions with victims of abuse, those with dual diagnoses, and criminal populations. She authored a training manual on prevention of child sexual abuse which was implemented in many states throughout the U.S.

Judy held licenses as a Psychologist and Certified School Psychologist. Prior to employment with Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis, Judy worked in the Minneapolis Public Schools and several social service agencies. Her employment over the past 26 years at JFCS Minneapolis includes serving as Clinical Director, Chief Program Officer and Development Director.

Judy currently serves as the Board Chair of the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies. Judy also serves as a member of the Minneapolis Foundation Board where she serves on its Audit Committee.

Judy is known for her public speaking skills and her big vision perspectives. She is an advocate for children, families, and vulnerable populations.

Judy is married to her husband, Andy. They have two grown daughters, two sons-in-law and three grandchildren, Ace, Bari and Wesley.