

# Mark A. Lelle

## Bio



Mark A. Lelle is an independent consultant with 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 program planning, organizational development, public policy, and evaluation to strengthen organizations and improve programs for the people they serve.

Mark's foundation clients have included the C.S. Mott Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, James Irvine Foundation, Lumina Foundation for Education, Skillman Foundation, The Ford Family Foundation, Northwest Area Foundation, Cherokee Preservation Foundation, The Pokagon Fund, Battle Creek Community Foundation, Albion Community Foundation, 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 with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where his primary responsibility was to develop, capture, and communicate information for foundation staff, grantees, trustees, and other key stakeholders.

While at Kellogg, Mark participated in the design and management of many program initiatives, including People and Land, Managing Information with Rural America, and Food and Society. Mark also co-authored the *W.K. Kellogg Foundation Evaluation Handbook*.

Mark continues to provide 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, an M.S. in agricultural education from Louisiana State University, and B.S. in agricultural education from Ohio State University. He has published in the fields of evaluation, natural resources, and higher education. Mark has content expertise in nonprofit management, community development, education, food systems, and natural resources and land use policy.

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