William E. Farnsel

NeighborWorks Toledo Region

William E. Farnsel is the executive director of NeighborWorks Toledo Region; he has served in community development since 1978.

Mr. Farnsel earned his bachelor’s degree and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Toledo. He began serving his community as a student intern for the Board of Lucas County Commissioners. He later secured the county’s first small cities Community Development Block Grant, totaling $1 million as a project manager.

In 1981, Mr. Farnsel was selected to serve as Executive Director (later Chief Executive Officer) of NeighborWorks® Toledo Region.

NTR has weatherized over 33,000 homes, provided mortgage financing to 1,800 borrowers ($24 million), and redeveloped and resold over 300 vacant units. The organization has received the Governor’s Award for Energy Efficiency and the EPA Excellence in Affordable Housing.

Mr. Farnsel also has served as an incorporating member of the Toledo Lucas County Housing Trust Fund and volunteered for several advisory bodies, including the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, the NeighborWorks Collaborative of Ohio and the Huntington Bank National Community Advisory Council.