Careers in Nonprofits
Graduate Student and Postdoc “Summer Camp”
Day 1: Introductory Snapshot
University Community Service Center
Graduate Student Affairs
Non-profit
Recognized as a corporation by the state as a public charity, private foundation or a non-profit organization

501c3
Federal tax exempt status

You can be a non-profit without being a 501c3

But you can’t be a 501c3 without being a non-profit
Mission-Driven Organizations

• Organized around a thought or ideal as opposed to a business plan or objective
• Not driven by revenue
• Focused on providing a communal value (violence prevention, alleviation of chronic diseases, preservation of culture)
Types of Nonprofits

**Public Charities**
Service providers, churches, hospitals, schools

**Private Foundations**
grant making organizations

**Other Non-Profit Organizations (no 501(c)3 organizations)**
associations, fraternal societies, trusts, civic league
Illinois ranks sixth in the number of non-profit organizations with 60,951* more than 20k new NPO’s created in the last 15 years.

*501c3 and other NPO’s combined
Distribution of Resources

9.2% Private Foundations

- Average Revenue: $1,868,546
- Average Assets: $3,687,394

55% have less than $100K in revenue or assets

60.6% 501c3 Public Charities

- Average revenue: $552,790
- Average assets: $5,213,652
Sources of Revenue for Reporting Public Charities (‘09)

- Fees for Services & Goods from Government: 23.2%
- Private Contributions: 13.6%
- Government Grants: 8.9%
- Other: 2.1%
- Fees for Services & Goods from Private Sources: 52.4%


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Why Get Involved?
The Potential of Nonprofits

• Non-profits rely on a volunteer work force to ensure service delivery

• Non-profit sector is growing faster than the private sector*

• Practical experience

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Learn the trends
Gain insight into general function
Find opportunities to be engaged
Ask a lot of questions!