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Bryan Wright serves as the Executive Director for Cincinnati Compass. Bryan is a dedicated connector and collaborator committed to inclusion, equity, and community building. His work focuses on creating a more welcoming and inclusive region for immigrants and refugees. In his role as Executive Director, he advocates for social and economic inclusion; connects individuals and organizations to resources and to each other to build capacities and opportunities; and celebrates the cultural and economic contributions of immigrants and refugees in the Cincinnati region.

Most of his professional career has been dedicated to working with immigrant and refugee communities to build social, civic, and economic power. Additionally, he works with communities and organizations to improve access to education, employment, small business support, legal services, and health care, while advocating for more inclusive and welcoming policies and practices. Currently, Bryan serves on the boards for Interact for Health, Refugee Collaborative, the Workforce Council of Southwest Ohio, and Vibrant Ohio. He also was appointed to Hamilton County's Economic Inclusion Advisory Council.

He is the former Manager of International Student Affairs at Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, working with current and potential students, regardless of immigration status, and worked for several years in refugee resettlement in Nashville, Tennessee as a Case Manager and an Employment Manager. He holds a Master's degree in International Studies from Florida International University and a PhD in Geography from the University of Cincinnati. His doctoral research focused on immigration, immigrant representation, and urban regeneration in the Cincinnati region.
