

Professional Role Model

Inside The Life of Philip Unisky

Philip Unisky is the executive director and was the founder of the Youth Policy Institute. The Youth Policy Institute is a Non-for-profit agency created to provide service for vulnerable children and their families. By creating this institute Unisky has become a legislative counsel and legal advocate for families and youth at risk ([youth policy institute.org](http://youthpolicyinstitute.org)). Mr. Unisky has worked his entire adult life and career dedicated to serving children and youth. I desire to be like Philip in my future career, because of what he stands for. He stands for helping the youth and their families that are in desperate need of help, and he was able to create an entire non-profit organization dedicated to this cause. I hope to be like Philip, or anywhere near as successful as he has been, in helping the youth with their lives.

Mr. Unisky established the Youth Policy Institute in late 1996. ([youth policy institute.org](http://youthpolicyinstitute.org)). Prior to establishing the institute, Philip served as Codes Counsel to the New York State Assembly and was the principal negotiator of several consequential notions. He was a key participant in the passing of the New York State's Family Protection and Domestic Violence Intervention Act that was passed in 1994. He also was heavily involved in many activities that were created to improve the legal representation of youth in special education as well as delinquency. Along with being the director of the Youth Policy institute, he was the director of the Partnership for Results from the year 1999 to 2008 ([linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/in/philipunisky)). This incorporation greatly improved researched-based mental health, education levels, family therapy services, reduced levels of violence, delinquency, and youth criminality. From the year 1994 till 1996 Philip was also a part of the program Statewide Youth Advocacy.

Philip also served as a social scientist to Bowdoin College, Hamilton College, and the world-renowned Harvard University. Prior to all of Mr. Unisky's success, he received his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan. Also, he attended the New York University School of Law from the year 1989 till 1992 where he graduated with a degree in Law. ([linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/in/philipunisky))

From what I have learned about Philip Unisky's life and career, I have come to the realization that I could have a relatively similar trajectory by becoming more involved with public issues. Even if I were to participate to a smaller extent of what Philip did, being more involved in my community issues could help create a path for me. Philip created his own path by serving in a counsel in New York, then proceeding to become director of a world-renowned institute that focuses on the well beings of the youth population and their future. My impression of Philip's personal brand was that he considers the Youth Policy Institute as a part of him. I was not able to find too much about Philip's personal life other than the institute, which he considers to be a part of him.

Email

Dear Director Unisky,

My name is Chaya Rainer. I am a student at Boise State University, studying public service and social work. After reading more about your life's work and success in improving the lives of children, youth and their families, I have become inspired by your career.

As I decide on my major, look for internships, and near graduation, I am trying to find the right steps to take towards my future career. Seeing that you have had such a successful career, I would appreciate some advice on the subject. I would like to meet with you for an informational interview about your career and its success. Please let me know if this would be possible, I am available over the phone, or even on zoom. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Chaya Rainer

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Informational Interview Questions

1. What in your life made you realize that a career in a Non-for-profit was the right career for you?
2. How did you come to the decision that you wanted to further your career in the bettering of youth and family lives?
3. What would you say is the most important step I should take in my educational career prior to graduating to set myself up for success in the future?
4. What experiences, other than education, do you think were necessary to set you up for the success you now have?
5. What does your daily schedule look like with working for a non-for-profit company?
6. What would you tell your past self at my age, to prepare yourself for the life and career you now have?

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