# Katherine Plog Martinez
## Managing Partner

Katherine currently serves as the Managing Partner for Knowledge to Power Catalysts, a small boutique consulting firm that increases the rate at which leaders transform Knowledge into Power to change the odds that all children and youth will thrive. In this role she oversees business operations of the firm and serves as the Executive Producer of Changing the Odds Remix. Katherine's portfolio of clients includes local and national intermediaries and membership organizations in education and youth development.

Prior to building her consulting business, Katherine spent eight and a half years at Denver Public Schools (DPS) serving in roles including the Director of Extended Learning and Community Schools and Executive Director of Whole Child Supports. In her time with DPS, Katherine led the creation and implementation of a multi-year strategic plan that resulted in the strengthening of out-of-school-time programming in terms of quality, breadth, and depth. She also served as a co-founder of the Denver Afterschool Alliance – Denver's out-of-school-time intermediary – and in that capacity helped launch the district's first partnership and data sharing system. Katherine also had the great privilege of serving as the lead facilitator for the district's Whole Child Task Force and helped define and set the direction of the district's Whole Child Initiative.

Prior to DPS Katherine was the Director of Training & Community Services for Assets for Colorado Youth (ACY). Katherine and the ACY team provided training, coaching, and community mobilization grounded in positive youth development.

Katherine holds a bachelor's degree in English from Trinity University and a master's degree in Family Studies & Human Services – Youth Development from Kansas State University. She is currently pursuing her doctorate of education in out-of-school learning at the University of Pittsburgh.

Katherine is the proud mom of three kiddos who regularly test all of her youth development theory and practices!