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David Boehlke is considered this country's leading authority on healthy neighborhoods. He has spent over thirty years working in neighborhoods and assisting nonprofit organizations. This work has included more than 100 cities and towns nationally with special emphasis on older neighborhoods in cities with stagnant or declining populations.

To better understand and help these communities, David created the Healthy Neighborhoods Concept, an innovative approach to community stabilization. This concept focuses on re-building the demand side of neighborhood investment while greatly strengthening traditional resident involvement. Over the last 15 years, he has teamed up with nearly a dozen cities to put some of these ideas into action. His best-known writing on the concept is the monograph "Great Neighborhoods, Great City."

David graduated from Johns Hopkins University and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and holds degrees in geography and architecture. He taught at colleges and universities until beginning his work in neighborhoods. In addition to contracting with local governments, he has partnered with national and local funders, such as the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Baltimore-based Goldseker Foundation, and the Greater New Orleans Foundation. He has served in numerous capacities as consultant and executive director of several nonprofit organizations.

An associate in the very nontraditional consulting firm of czbLLC, David is now an independent consultant working with a number of firms and cities and directly with neighborhood-based and nonprofit service organizations. With czb, David has spearheaded Healthy Neighborhoods work in Hartford, Milwaukee and Utah.

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