



## *Dr. Chris Wilkie*

### **Deputy Executive Director First Command Educational Foundation**

Dr. Wilkie joined First Command Educational Foundation in April 2007. Dr. Wilkie brings almost 10 years experience in the nonprofit arena as a Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operations Officer, Program Manager, Independent Consultant, and Program Designer / Evaluator. He began his own management consulting business in 2001 and successfully consults for eight of the twenty Regional Education Service Centers across the state of Texas and numerous nonprofit agencies across North Texas.

Dr. Wilkie began his professional career in 1999 and has led numerous projects on the local, regional, and state level across Texas. His areas of concentration include program design and evaluation, budget efficiency, comprehensive quality management, curriculum design, strategic planning, and community planning including, but not limited to, community assessments, gap analysis, and needs assessments.

Dr. Wilkie also holds a love for teaching and academia. He has presented at numerous national and state conferences. He has been a guest lecturer at local Universities and Colleges across North Texas and provides numerous continuing education workshops annually for licensed and non-licensed professionals. He is published in academia and strongly believes that “a strong individual foundation in academia leads to strong leaders of tomorrow.”

Excelling in his academic studies, he graduated from the University of North Texas in 2000, completing a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science degree in 3.5 years. In 2002, he earned a Master of Public Health degree, IASHS, San Francisco, CA, with an emphasis in program design, evaluation, and epidemiology. In late 2003, he completed his Doctoral degree, IASHS, San Francisco, CA, at the age of 24. In addition to his academic successes, he also has substantial training / experience working with behavioral and learning theories.

Raised in Fort Worth, he understands the importance and rarity of a firm hand shake, an honest word, and the real meaning of loyalty in today’s business world. As the Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Wilkie is dedicated to the continued growth and sustainability of the Foundation through community partnerships, collaborative programming, and strong positive relationships with donors / supporters of the Foundation.

