



Edward (Eddie) LaPorté was born in New York City. His family moved to New Brunswick when he was 10 years old. He attended St. Peter's Elementary and High School.

After high school Eddie was accepted to Rutgers University, Rutgers College. Soon after his graduation from Rutgers, he became a basic material needs worker for Catholic Charities in New Brunswick. There he learned how to provide client-centered services with compassion and dignity to those he served. After two years at Catholic Charities, Eddie was fortunate to secure employment with the Puerto Rican Organization for the Community Education and Economic Development (P.R.O.C.E.E.D.) in Elizabeth. At PROCEED Eddie was hired as a training assistant and was quickly promoted to lead trainer. As the lead trainer, Eddie provided intensive organizational infrastructure development training and technical assistance to Latino based organization that provided HIV/AIDS/STD prevention services that resided in the Northeast, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

While at PROCEED, Eddie was accepted into Kean University's Master's in Public Administration Program. From PROCEED, Eddie was hired to work for the Puerto Rican Action Board in New Brunswick as their Director of Human Services. After three years as their Director of Human Services for the Puerto Rican Action Board, Eddie went to work for the Union County Board of Social Services Division of Planning while at the same time working as a full-time graduate assistant at Kean University. After graduating from Kean with his Master's in Public Administration, Eddie was promoted to Executive Director of the New Jersey Office of Faith Based Initiatives and continues to serve in that capacity. As the Executive Director of the NJ Office of Faith Based Initiatives the office has been seen as a leader in state Offices of Faith Based Initiatives and was recognized by a study commissioned by the White House Office of Faith Based Initiatives as one of 8 state models to replicate.

Not only is he the Executive Director of the OFBI, but he also teaches Social Entrepreneurship for the Rutgers Business School. He finds time to meet with individuals and groups and provides one on one training and technical assistance in various aspects of organizational development.

Eddie is the proud father of three sons Angel 21 yrs., Kyle 27 yrs. and Andre 31 yrs.