

Ed Gallagher is a career public servant who has been involved in Lake County workforce circles since 2013.

In 2013, he began his career in Lake County as an AmeriCorps VISTA with The Youth Conservation Corps of Waukegan. While completing his service term he assisted YCC in receiving state grant funds to expand their youth conservation summer jobs program. This grant helped expand employment opportunities for high school aged youth in the county while also helping fight invasive species.

Following his service term, he had the pleasure to serve the Illinois State Senate President while working in the State Capitol Building. As a valued member of the Senate Democratic Staff, Ed spearheaded legislative research and bill tracking for a State Senator. After 3 years under the dome, he jumped at the opportunity to return to Lake County in 2017 and served as the District Director for a local State Senator.

After a brief stint in the private sector working to aid families in connecting with the therapy resources they needed, Ed answered the call to return to public service in March 2022. He currently serves as the Community Relations Representative for Lake and McHenry Counties for Pace Suburban Bus.