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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS



Nilofer leads ITT's Precision Urban Agriculture Initiative. In this role she works closely with scientific partners, agricultural innovators, and thought leaders globally. Nilofer has a 20-year history working in urban poverty and community revitalization, and child and family policy. The Precision Urban Agriculture Initiative builds on her track record in translating science and research into programs and policies that help improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families.

Nilofer has led several nationwide initiatives in the United States. She was the founding co-director of the FRIENDS National Resource Center. More recently, she led the Center for the Study of Social Policy's Strengthening Families Initiative, which has been adopted as a framework for child abuse and neglect prevention by 40 states, several foreign countries, and over a dozen collaborating national organizations. She was named a Next Generation Leadership Fellow by the Rockefeller Foundation, and has been asked to sit on over a dozen national advisory committees and boards focused on issues of social and community change. A lifelong activist for social justice, Nilofer co-led the Indo-Pak Peace Initiative a grassroots initiative of expatriates from South Asia, and has led a number of initiatives focused on diaspora politics, women and violence, and educational

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Nilofer received both a BA and MA in Public Policy from the University of Chicago where she was a Viola Bower Scholar and received the Howell-Murray award for contributions to student life.

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