

# Speaker Bio | Daren Dickson

Dickson spearheaded Valor's Compass model, a comprehensive human development framework that serves as the core of the Valor charter school model. He believes that a human development and relationship-based approach to education is crucial to regaining our collective balance and tackling inequities. Prior to joining Valor in 2013, Dickson spent 16 years developing his skills as a therapist, clinical and program director, and social justice advocate in California. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist and spent much of his

career working with vulnerable youth and communities. Dickson has bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering (Denver University and Stanford University) and a master's degree in integral counseling (California Institute of Integral Studies).