



## Speaker Bios

### EPR Webinar 4: Training and Technical Assistance Supports for Child Care Providers

#### Susan Rohrbough

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Ms. Rohrbough has more than 35 years of experience as an administrator; teacher in early childhood, secondary, and adult education; trainer; and consultant. Her expertise includes ECE and early care topics, family and human development, staff professional development and leadership, organizational systems design and development, and change management. Her first-hand experience as a local HS Director, consultant, and CDA advisor, as well as at the State level as a HS State Collaboration Director has provided her a deep understanding of both implementation and policy development issues. Her knowledge of collaboration principles, cross-system development, and management and her ability to engage others in tasks and actions have provided credibility to her work.

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#### Michelle DeJohn

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Ms. DeJohn is an Internal Policy Analyst III in the Directors Office for the **Division** of Child Care at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/.html>, Department for Community Based Services of the Cabinet for Health & Family Service Commonwealth of Kentucky. She serves as the lead staff to provide programmatic support needed from the division directors office. She works as the Administrative Regulation Administrator for the Division of Child Care regulatory needs. Her six years' experience includes oversight and implementation of the needed Child Care initiatives such as: Emergency Disaster Preparedness, the Kentucky Child Care Collaborative Regulatory Committee, Getting started in Child Care consultation sessions, the division quarterly newsletter at <http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/337605CB-68EC-44B4-BE5E-070A47EDB894/0/DivisionofChildCareECEINSIDER.pdf> and other special projects . She is also responsible for assuring compliance or the Division of Regulated Child Care contract for the division.

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## Brummal Murphy

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Ms. Murphy is a Technical Assistance Specialist working with Child Care Aware of Kentucky. She has been employed in the early childhood field since 1989, as a pre-kindergarten teacher and as a director. She has had the good fortune to serve as director of 3 very unique child care centers (a large for-profit High Scope center in Augusta, GA that housed two lottery funded Pre-K classrooms; a for-profit center in Bartlett, TN that was just opening their doors for business; and a non-profit church based center in Pewee Valley, KY. that was one of Kentucky's first STAR rated centers). She has taken advantage of Kentucky's continuing education opportunities by completing the CDA Credential as well as the Kentucky Director's Credential. She currently works with several committees at the Division of Child Care and serves as one of their liaisons to the Child Care Aware Technical Assistance Coordinators statewide.

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## Liz Kelley

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Elizabeth 'Liz' Kelley is the Director for the Maryland State Department of Education's Office of Child Care, which is located within the Division of Early Childhood Development. In this position, Ms. Kelley oversees all aspects of the provision of child care services for the State of Maryland. She has responsibility for child care licensing, non-public nursery school approval, child care subsidy, the child care credentialing program and Maryland EXCELS – Maryland's tiered quality rating and improvement system.

Ms. Kelley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Intermediate Education, a Master of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education and has over 30 years of experience working in and with early childhood programs.

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## Nancy Ward

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Nancy Ward, BSN, RN-BC, CDDN is a nurse consultant for the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration, Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning. She recognizes the importance of early childhood care providers and is honored to have a role in providing education to them. Prior to joining the Office in June 2012, Nancy spent more than a decade as Health Services Director for a large residential facility that served children from all over the country with a wide range of psychiatric challenges, developmental and intellectual disabilities. While there, Nancy participated in risk management, developed a comprehensive emergency management resource tool and coordinated a mock disaster which included the local emergency management agency. Nancy is certified as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse and Developmental Disabilities Nurse. She is President Elect of the Indiana Chapter of the Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association and past President of the Indiana Advocates for Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing.

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## Lynette Fraga

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Dr. Fraga is Executive Director of Child Care Aware® of America, a nonprofit association whose mission is to lead state and national initiatives that ensure every child has access to high quality child care and early learning experiences. Dr. Fraga joined Child Care Aware® of America as executive director in 2012.

Dr. Fraga has 20 years of experience as an educator, program director and executive leader working on behalf of children and families. She began her career in early childhood as a teacher. She later brought first-hand experiences from her work as a child care center director and trainer to pilot early childhood programs. Her community-based work fueled her commitment to child and family-centered approaches and became the basis for her later research.

Dr. Fraga holds a doctoral degree in Family Studies from Kansas State University, a master's degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma, and a bachelor's degree in Special Education from the University of Arizona.

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