



## Speaker Bios

### EPR Webinar 1: Creating a Plan for Child Care Services: Coordinating with Key Partners and Emergency Management Agencies

#### Amy Spates

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Amy Spates serves as a Program Specialist for the Region 1 Office of Child Care, working with the New England States and Tribes around the administration of their Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant and their technical assistance needs to support increasing access to and quality of child care for low-income families. Previously, Ms. Spates held the position of Regional Emergency Management Specialist for the Administration for Children and Families in Region 1, supporting ACF grantees, local and state agencies, and other Federal agencies in addressing human services issues in emergency planning, response and recovery.

#### Abby Cohen

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Ms. Cohen has a law degree and more than 30 years' experience working in the child care and early childhood field. She has applied her expertise in the course of providing training and technical assistance, facilitation, consultation, public speaking, policy analysis, legal research, and legislative and regulatory drafting on a wide range of child care issues. During her career she has assisted government at the Federal, State and local level, as well as foundations, community-based organizations, and a wide array of child-serving agencies. The substance of her work has ranged broadly, with particular emphasis on overarching early childhood systems building, child care regulation, emergency preparedness and response for child care, child care quality improvement, subsidy policy, inclusion of children with disabilities, zoning and planning, and the interface of child care and health care issues. To support progress in these content areas, she has facilitated numerous state/territorial level cross-sector, system-building efforts.

## Lewissa Swanson

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Lewissa Swanson serves as a Regional Emergency Management Specialist for the Administration for Children & Families in Region 10, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Lewissa has a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Minnesota Hubert Humphrey Institute Of Public Policy in Minneapolis. She has worked for ACF for 10 years and participated in disaster responses for Iowa flooding, Hurricane Dean, Hurricanes Gustav/Ike, the 2008 Presidential inauguration, Hurricane Irene (NY), Hurricane Sandy (NJ), ice jam flooding (AK), and the SR530 Slides. In her current position, she works with States, Tribes, and other jurisdictions and community organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon & Washington to build preparedness and response capacity for human services.

## Sally Reigel

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Sally Reigel has over twenty-five years of experience in the child care field. She began her career working for the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency helping parents find child care and has been employed by the State of and Washington for twenty years managing state-wide child care programs. She has worked for Children's Administration managing programs and developing policy in the Office of Child Care Policy and the Division of Child Care and Early Learning.

Currently Sally is an Administrative Regulations Analyst at the Department of Early Learning in Olympia. She has Bachelor of Arts degree from Evergreen State College, is a parent and grandparent of children who used child care, and is active in promoting quality child care for all children.

## Janice Molnar

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Janice Molnar, Ph.D, is Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Child Care Services in the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. In that capacity, she serves as the CCDF Child Care Administrator for New York State. Throughout her 30+-year career, which has included work in the public and non-profit sectors, Dr. Molnar has concentrated on program and policy issues affecting children, youth, and families. Trained as a developmental psychologist, she earned a B.A. from Northwestern University and holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University, where her dissertation focused on the impacts of different kinds of child care arrangements on selected indicators of child development.

## Dan Tatro

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Dan Tatro is the OCFS GIS Program Manager at the New York State Office of Information Technology Services. In this role, he is responsible for the strategic direction and operation of OCFS' enterprise GIS offering. Before joining OCFS in 2005, Dan was most recently at MapInfo Corporation (now Pitney Bowes Software). As Senior Consultant, Dan helped MapInfo's largest customers integrate GIS into their business processes.