

Elisha Cangelosi is the Executive Director of Ohio Family and Children First.

Ms. Cangelosi has served the children and families of Ohio since 1998, when she began work as a student in community mental health in Columbus, Ohio. That early experience led to a passion for serving children and families struggling with mental health and behavioral concerns, leading to over 15 years of experience in clinical social work, including work in the field of aging, quality assurance, project management, service coordination, and teaching as a community instructor for The Ohio State University College of Social Work. In 2013, Ms. Cangelosi joined Franklin County Children Services as the Associate Director of Provider Services, where she was responsible for oversight of the agency's purchased provider services and system level partnerships, medical services for children in custody, and for spearheading the agency's work around Medicaid Managed Care redesign. Ms. Cangelosi was later named Director of Provider Services and Clinical Supports, and then Executive member, at Franklin County Children Services, before joining state government as the Deputy Director of OhioRISE at the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

Ms. Cangelosi holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Social Work degree from The Ohio State University, along with her LISW-S. Born and raised in Jefferson County, she has called Franklin County home for the past 25 years. She and her husband, Matthew, are the proud aunt and uncle to 6 nieces and nephews, who are loved beyond measure.