

## **Elizabeth Manley, LSW**

Elizabeth Manley is a Senior Advisor for Health and Behavioral Health Policy at the Institute for Innovation and Implementation. In this capacity, Ms. Manley provides technical assistance to states and communities specific to children's behavioral health innovations with a specific focus on policy and financing of systems of care.

Ms. Manley is the former Assistant Commissioner for NJ's Children's System of Care. In this capacity, Ms. Manley led transformation and implementation of system innovations including integrating individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities, substance use and integration of physical health into the Children's System of Care. She had direct oversight of the statewide child behavioral health, substance use and development/intellectual disabilities systems. This includes a wide range of community-based services and residential treatment centers. Ms. Manley was the DCF representative on the NJ Board of Social Work Examiners and the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; the Principal Investigator on NJ's Promising Path to Success, a SAMHSA System of Care Expansion Grant with the focus on improving care for youth in need of an out of home intervention; Vice Chair of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD); and has presented at several national conferences.

Prior to joining DCF Ms. Manley was the CEO of Caring Partners of Morris/Sussex, Inc., a Care Management Organization (CMO) specializing in working with youth with complex behavioral health challenges. Ms. Manley worked for Capitol County Children's Collaboration, the Mercer County CMO, as the Director of Operations, at the time of its inception in 2002. She came to that position after spending 15 years at SERV Behavioral Health, in various positions with her final position at SERV as the Director of Children's Services for SERV Behavioral Health. MS. Manley earned a B.S. degree in Health Education from William Paterson University and a M.S.W. from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.