

Margaret Kennedy

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Margaret Kennedy is an expert in front-line child welfare social worker, mental health clinician, and community developer.

Biography

MARGARET KENNEDY is an adjunct lecturer. A licensed independent social worker with supervision designation, she has worked in various capacities, including as a front-line child welfare social worker, mental health clinician, community developer, social researcher, policy analyst, program developer, training curriculum developer, educator, university administrator, undergraduate- and graduate-level social work faculty member, and management consultant.

She spent the past 18 years in executive leadership positions in health care and social services that involved managing complex portfolios, large budgets and hundreds of staff. In her role as director of mental health and addictions, she led the development of the first integrated program structure for these services with the goal of ensuring an improved system of care. Her career has also been international in scope, having worked in two countries as well as served as a mentor to international colleagues from Eastern Europe in developing social work practice in their home countries. Her achievements have been recognized through high profile awards in social work teaching and leadership to the social work profession and the broader community.

Kennedy's teaching expertise is in the areas of social work leadership and management, social policy, organizational group behaviors and interventions, and inequality and oppression. Her university administration responsibilities have included director of the Intensive Semester Program and director of training for Ohio human service staff at Case Western Reserve University. She also served as a training curriculum developer for the United States Department of Health and Human Services on the subject of managing culture change for human services staff nationally. She has presented at numerous national conferences in the United States and Canada and has been appointed to national conference planning and program committees. In addition, she has extensive experience in research in the areas of community planning and development.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Health Care - Providers, Mental Health Care, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Services

Areas of Expertise

Policy Analyst, Community Developer, Child Welfare, Mental Health, Social Researcher

Education

Case Western Reserve University

M.S.W.

James Madison University

B.A.

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