

Reeva Murphy, M.Ed, Deputy Commissioner, Child Development Division, DCF

Reeva Sullivan Murphy has 35 years of professional experience in early childhood development, care and learning encompassing a variety of private and public direct service and policy positions.

Since June 2009 she has served as Deputy Commissioner for Child Development in the Vermont Department of Children and Families (CDD/DCF). In this role, Ms. Murphy oversees the Child Care Financial Assistance Program, Child Care Licensing, and Child Care quality improvement and support initiatives including the Northern Lights Career Development Center and Vermont STARS. CDD/DCF is also responsible for Part C Early Intervention, Nursing and Family Support Home Visiting, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health and Specialized Child Care Services – all part of Vermont’s ground-breaking Children’s Integrated Services program (CIS). The Head Start State Collaboration Office is included in the CDD. CDD/DCF co-administers publicly funded PreK with the Vermont Agency of Education. It is one of four lead agencies in Vermont’s innovative public-private partnership funded by a Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant which Ms. Murphy helped to write. She was an active participant and leader in the collaborative development of Vermont’s Early Childhood Framework and Action Plan. Ms. Murphy is an Interim Public Co-Chair on the Building Bright Futures Statewide Advisory Council and participates on Vermont’s Early Childhood Interagency Collaboration Team. She serves on the State Leadership Team for the Agency of Human Services Integrating Family Services Initiative and is a Commissioner on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Access to Affordable High Quality Child Care convened by the Vermont legislature in 2016. She is a member of the Association of Public Human Services Administrators (APHSA) and has served on the Executive Committee of the National State Child Care Administrators Association. Ms. Murphy participates in the Child Care Policy Research Consortium sponsored by the Office of Research Planning and Evaluation in the federal Administration for Children and Families.

Ms. Murphy has a Bachelor's degree in Humanities from Providence College and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education from Rhode Island College. She has taken post graduate courses in social policy and management at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. She is a 2012 graduate of the Vermont Leadership Institute at the Snelling Center for Government.

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Breana Welch Holmes, MD is the Director of Maternal and Child Health for Vermont. After finishing her pediatric residency at Seattle Children's Hospital and a chief resident year at University of Massachusetts Medical School, she had a pediatric practice in Middlebury, Vermont, focusing on adolescent health from 1997-2008. In 2008, Breana left her clinical practice to teach Health Literacy and Decision Making at Middlebury Union High School. In 2010, Breana became director of the Maternal and Child Health division which includes the statewide WIC program, School Health, Child Development Clinic, Children with Special Health Needs as well as Family Planning, Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention, Injury Prevention and Early Childhood systems work including federally funded Nurse Family Partnership for home visiting of first time pregnant moms, developmental screening and health/safety in early care and education programs through Early Learning Challenge-Race to the Top funding and LAUNCH grant. The Maternal and Child Health Division is part of Integrating Family Services as well as several other public health programs which focus on children and families.

Dr. Holmes is the chair of the Council on School Health for the American Academy of Pediatrics, on the pediatric faculty at University of Vermont College of Medicine and a school physician for several Middlebury area schools.

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