

Leslie Ellis-Lang, MEd, LMFT

Managing Director of Child and Youth Services at CARF International

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Leslie Ellis-Lang is a leader in services for children and youth with emphasis in both child welfare and behavioral health.

Biography

Leslie Ellis-Lang, MEd, LMFT, managing director of child and youth services at CARF International has more than 35 years of professional experience in the behavioral health and child welfare fields specializing with children, youth, young adults, and families. Prior to joining CARF in 2009, Leslie held leadership positions in not-for-profit and for-profit organizations. As a licensed marriage and family therapist trained in systems theory, she has focused on integrating clinical practice with administrative operations to improve both the outcomes for persons served and organizational performance. Her areas of expertise include quality management, program and policy development, training, clinical practice, and supervision. Two unique highlights of Leslie's career were participating in a pilot program as a treatment foster parent to deinstitutionalize youth from state institutions to specialized foster care homes and consulting with military families challenged in seeking treatment for their children while stationed out of country. Additionally, in the realm of quality improvement prior to Leslie's current position with CARF, she was a surveyor for both child and youth services and behavioral health programs for 12 years. Her experience with accreditation and application of standards expands beyond CARF as she has also led organizations through the accreditation process with other accrediting bodies and served as a consultant reviewer for the Children's Bureau for the Federal Child and Family Services Review. Leslie earned a Master's degree in Counselor Education from Northern Illinois University after receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Special Education.

Areas of Expertise

Child Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Cultural Competency, Family First Prevention Services Act, Gender diversity in children, Healthcare quality management, Qualified Residential Treatment Programs, Treatment foster care

Event Appearances

Panel Discussion - The Value of Accreditation: Moving Your Agency toward Excellence and Meeting the Accreditation Requirement in the New FFPSA
CWLA 2018 National Conference

Education

Northern Illinois University

MEd Special Ed/Elementary Ed, Counseling

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