

## Yvette Baptiste, Ph.D.

Yvette Baptiste, Interim Executive Director of Family Resource Centers Network of CA (FRCNCA) and Executive Director of the Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center (ELAFRC), has 39 years of experience in the CA Developmental Disabilities Service System in almost every role. She has served as direct support staff at a 6-bed group home, early interventionist, adult services program manager, and corporate training director for a large non-profit providing statewide services. She has years of experience as a Social Worker for several foster family agencies. She is a clinical psychologist, with a specialization in disability, community, and cultural psychology. She is the mother of 3 children who have special healthcare, behavioral and developmental needs. Dr. Baptiste and her teams support individuals, families and professionals statewide to navigate the maze of services for children with special health care and developmental needs by training professionals who are direct supporters and by expanding the organization's capacity to serve families by engaging in learning communities and collaborative partnerships. As a first-generation immigrant to the US from Panama and daughter of a woman with a disability, she is particularly sensitive to understanding issues of those who face economic and institutional bias when trying to access the services and supports most important to the pursuit of their freedom, hopes and dreams.