

Lisa Kennedy Bio

Lisa is a Family Peer Support Specialist with the York County Department of Human Services in York, Pennsylvania. She has been serving families in this role for over 4 years and has remained focused on doing work with families for more than 25 years. Lisa transitioned from the corporate world of hospital administrative management into human services when she became a Foster Parent many years ago.

Lisa has, through her time of learning the needs of her own children and serving others, been successful in creating several programs to serve families in meaningful ways. The Parent Network Series is a training arm of her FPSS role which informs families on how to navigate systems and empowers them with educational resources and tools to make the best choices for their families. Additionally, The State of Black and Brown Mental Health Series is fast becoming some of the most rewarding work in intersecting the world of mental health and all systems to specifically focus on the impact to communities of color. Her work in Trauma has led her to become an adjunct Trainer for Lakeside Global Institute.

Lisa is a fun-loving yet hard working and driven person who has 4 adult children and 5 grandchildren who bring her joy every single day. They are apart of the reason she embraces the unique role of FPSS and continues to imagine how the work of systems can always improve the way we serve others. She firmly lives the words she always shares and that is the desire to build systems that are welcoming to those we are serving and removing barriers to successful outcomes.

She is also an independent consultant and serves other organizations, agencies and others with educational services and resources. Lisa has a proven record of building relationships and stair-steps to success with families and the human service system. Her educational background began years ago with a bachelor's in business administration and minor in accounting. Her greatest passion has been realized in the world of Human Services and Education. She has served as a Commissioner on PA Governor Wolf's Behavioral Health Commission of 2022, Co-Chair of the PA Mental Health Planning Council through the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Tri-Chair of the PA Care Partnership's State Leadership and Management Team, and Chair of the Racial Equity Grant Fund for the York County Community Foundation.

Lisa is currently an elected School Board Director for the School District of the City of York. She is in her 6th year of her second term. She has served as Vice President of the School Board since 2020. She also serves agencies and organizations as a consultant, providing facilitation and training in an array of areas. Lisa works directly with families facing daily challenges accessing and navigating systems while also sometimes being the conduit between families and agencies to support and ensure a successful path is designed for every family.