

Ellen T. Wayne, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Biography

Ellen T. Wayne, Ed.D serves in the capacity of CEO of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach since June of 2022. Prior to her arrival Ellen was the Commissioner of Social Services for Wayne County, NY and in that capacity she served as the public officer responsible for the care and well-being of vulnerable children and adults, as well as the administration of mandated and state regulated means tested programs. She was directly responsible for the oversight and administration of an organization comprised of 165 employees with a budget in excess of 44M.



From September of 2007 through the fall of 2019, Ellen served as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, a private, not for profit, faith-based organization meeting the needs of poor and vulnerable residents spanning a four-County region of New York State.

She administered vast array of government and privately funded programs and services addressing the health, safety and well-being of children and families. Throughout her career she has served on multiple Boards, committees and commissions at the local, state and national level addressing matters of poverty, ethics, and non-profit efficiency and administration. Ellen holds a bachelor's degree in Child and Family Studies from the University of Scranton, a Master of Public Administration from the State University of New York at Brockport, and a Doctorate of Education in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher University where her area of research centered on Catholic organizational identity. Since 2014 she has served as an adjunct faculty member for St. John Fisher University, teaching in their Center for Community Engagement and in their Doctorate of Executive Leadership programs for the Ralph C. Wilson School of Education.