



Webinar: Understanding the Western MA COVID-19 Data Dashboard
Friday September 18, 2020 | 12:00pm- 1:00pm

Speaker Bios

Cristina Huebner-Torres, PhD, Caring Health Center

Dr. Cristina Huebner Torres is the Vice President of Research and Population Health Programs at Caring Health Center. She has worked at Caring Health Center since 2007. Prior to her current role, she served as the Director of Research and Wellness (2007-2017) and as Vice President (2013-2015). Cristina brings 18-years of experience in mixed-method community-based public health research and programming. She has authored multiple peer-reviewed publications and regularly presents research findings and practice improvements at local forums and national conferences.

Kathleen Szegda, PhD, MPH, MS, Public Health Institute of Western MA

Dr. Kathleen Szegda is the Director of Community Research and Evaluation. Dr. Szegda has over 20 years of public health/research experience working at the national, state and local level at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Emory University, Baystate Children's Hospital, and University of Massachusetts. Dr. Szegda holds a Ph.D. in Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Massachusetts, an M.P.H. from Emory University, and an M.S. in Counseling from Georgia State University. Her research interests are maternal and child health, mental health, and health disparities. Her research is also aimed at identifying effective community-level systems, policy, and environmental changes to improve health equity, which is informed by her experience working to promote policy and systems change at the national level at the U.S. CDC's Office of Genomics and at a local level as the Director of the Pioneer Valley Asthma Coalition.

Mindy Domb, State Representative- 3rd Hampshire district

Mindy Domb is a State Representative for the 3rd Hampshire District. She brings to the State House decades of experience as a community organizer, public health educator, nonprofit executive, trainer, program developer, advocate, and congressional aide. She has developed innovative services through partnerships, community education, and community coalitions in Western Massachusetts and across the Commonwealth. She earned a bachelor's degree from Barnard College and completed graduate coursework in adult learning for a master's degree from UMass Amherst and Teachers College Columbia University.



Gail Gramarossa, MPH, Collaborative for Educational Services

Gail Gramarossa is the Evaluation and Technical Assistance Specialist in the Department of Healthy Children and Families at the Collaborative for Educational Services (CES), based in Northampton, MA. She also serves as Chair/Facilitator of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance (QHSUA) since its establishment in 2014 and the Program Director of the Quaboag Hills Drug Free Communities project. She is the volunteer co-chair of Baystate Eastern Region's Community Benefits Advisory Council (CBAC) serving over 15 communities crossing Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester Counties.

Meg Burch, MS, RN, Frontier School Regional District/Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meg Burch has been the district Nurse Leader for the Frontier Regional & Union #38 School Districts for the past five years, a building based elementary school nurse for nine, and is a Nationally Certified School Nurse. Meg has been a guest lecturer in the Nursing Program at GCC and serves on the Nursing Program Advisory Board. Meg holds a MS in Epidemiology and worked as an epidemiologist prior to obtaining a nursing degree. In addition to her work for the school district, Meg is currently on staff as a Public Health Nurse with the Cooperative Public Health Service at the FRCOG. She previously served on a local Board of Health and School Committee.