

## Lynn DeLapp

### Background Information

Lynn DeLapp has spent over twenty years working with state and local governments, foundations and community-based organizations to develop and implement a broad range of policies and programs for children and families.

She spent thirteen years as the California Legislature's Assembly Office of Research principal consultant on child and family policy and human services cross-system issues. In this position, she conducted action research policy studies and developed legislation on integrated child and family services, child care and development, K-12 education, child abuse, youth services, and work/family policies. Highlights included development of key legislation on local child care planning and on integrated funding for children's services. Following her service to the legislature, Ms. DeLapp took her expertise to PACE, an education policy center based at the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University. At PACE, she worked on the California Cares initiative to streamline California's child care and development system. She also served as the Integrated Child and Family Services Specialist for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), assisting counties in responding to the needs of families through integrated services and community collaboratives. As deputy director of the CCS Partnership, an organization formed by CSAC, the League of California Cities, and the California School Boards Association, she promoted joint efforts among cities, counties and schools.

Since 2000, Ms. DeLapp has owned her own consulting business, focusing on county and community-based services for children and families. She is a founding member of the Davis Consultant Network. She has twice served as an Interim Executive Director; in 2001 for Yolo County First 5, and in 2007 for the California Afterschool Network, based at the University of California, Davis. She also has written numerous policy briefs, reports and case studies on exemplary programs for various state agencies, the Foundation Consortium for California's Children and Families, the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, The Finance Project of Washington, D.C. and others.

Ms. DeLapp assists clients in four areas: planning and sustaining effective programs and organizations; assessing program effectiveness through the development of practical systems for results accountability and performance measurement; writing and policy research; and meeting and workshop facilitation.

She holds a Master's of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Davis, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa.