

2020 VOICE for Children



Debbie Gallagher has served the early childhood community for more than thirty-nine years. Debbie received her Bachelor and Master Degrees in education and holds a Pennsylvania certification in elementary and early childhood education. Currently Ms. Gallagher serves as Early Head Start and Family Center Director for Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center where she has been supported the community since 2000.

Prior to her position as the Early Head Start Director, Debbie served the Pittsburgh early childhood community in numerous roles, including public school teacher, private preschool programs, home visiting, and child care center director.

In addition to serving the Pittsburgh community Debbie received three separate Early Head Start- Child Care partnership Expansion grants to work collaboratively with child care partners and Early Head Start Agencies in Southwest Pennsylvania and Philadelphia.

She is actively involved in the Allegheny County Head Start/Early Head Start Collaboration, Safe Kids of Allegheny County and Trying Together. She has provided staff development sessions at the Birth to Three Institute, the PHSA Annual Conference and the PAEYC/Family Support Conference.

In her spare time Debbie enjoys volunteering at her church, reading and sharing the books at book club, dining with friends and babysitting her three grandsons.

