

Dr. Leah Spangler, CEO, The Learning Lamp & Ignite Education Solutions



Dr. Leah Spangler is the founding Chief Executive Officer of The Learning Lamp & Ignite Education Solutions, a Johnstown-based nonprofit with a mission of *engaging all students in the support they need to succeed*. The organization serves more than 36,000 students, ages birth to 18, each year in 51 school districts and 19 counties of Pennsylvania. It works with schools to fill gaps in service so students receive the support they need to graduate and become contributing members of our community.

Additionally, The Learning Lamp operates nationally-accredited child care and preschool programs, with 18 locations across Cambria, Somerset and Bedford counties. It is one of 52 nonprofits to earn the prestigious Standards for Excellence certification from the Pennsylvania Association for Nonprofit Organizations (PANO).

Spangler teaches courses public relations, nonprofit management, social enterprise and fund development at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Saint Francis University and Mount Aloysius College. She is also an instructor for the Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System. Spangler is on the executive committee of the Cambria Regional Chamber and on the board of the Cambria County Transit Authority. She is a peer reviewer for PANO's Standards for Excellence Program.

A graduate of Temple and Northwestern universities, Spangler completed her doctorate in Leadership and Administration at Point Park University and is a former Pennsylvania Education Policy fellow.