



**Sheila P. Kochis, C.P.A., Advisory Board Member and Senior Consultant**, has over fifteen years of experience in accounting, fiscal management, and auditing. Ms. Kochis brings a wealth of experience to the *OPEN MINDS* team. She is currently the Internal Audit Administrator at Franklin County Children's Services in Columbus, Ohio. In this position, Ms. Kochis is responsible for fiscal oversight of contract provider agencies, and

providing supervision of its semi-annual administrative review process, the COA peer review process, and the deceased child review process. Ms. Kochis also works very closely with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in a number of areas.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Kochis served as Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of St. Vincent Family Centers in Columbus, Ohio. In this role, she

was responsible for the fiscal management of \$9 million operating budget, as well as conducting contract negotiations with all payor sources. She also worked with establishing new funding sources, including grants. Ms. Kochis has also been the

#### Areas of Expertise

- Financial management
- Budgeting and financial reporting
- Fiscal interpretation and analysis
- Contract negotiations

director of fiscal policy at the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Board in Franklin County, Ohio, where she was responsible for reviewing Medicaid compliance reports, developing all provider and vendor contracts, and designing and reviewing all provider financial reporting and reconciliation processes. She also provided training for providers in the areas of budgeting, fiscal reporting, and Medicaid compliance.

Ms. Kochis received her master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University. She is currently completing a doctorate degree in human services at Capella University.

#### Professional Highlights

- Serves as the internal audit administrator for Franklin County Children's Services
- Is a trained Child and Family Services Review (local/county reviewer)
- Fifteen years of experience in accounting, fiscal management, and auditing in private children's service organization and public child welfare agencies
- Experience with rate setting and financial management of child welfare privatization initiatives
- Expertise in financial management, budgeting, financial reporting, and contract negotiations