

AASP Mini-Series Speaker Bios

Lauren Tomchak:

Lauren provides multifaceted support for children-qualified service, direct support, and specialty providers – including audits, performance-improvement initiatives, clinical technical assistance, clinical consultation, and child advocacy. With a focus on addressing system barriers impacting children and adolescents, Lauren collaborates with a community of system partners, including the Department of Child Safety, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Development Disabilities, various school districts, and behavioral health and integrated health providers. Lauren’s work for Mercy Care often focuses on benefitting Arizona’s school system, including expanding and providing oversight for school-based health partnerships statewide. Additionally, she actively engages with school districts to provide technical assistance for navigating difficult Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) when a residential treatment center is being considered.

Jeanette Lopez:

Leveraging her more than 20 years of experience in the field of rehabilitation, Janette M. Lopez serves as an interagency liaison with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) and the State of Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). Additionally, she manages and oversees vocational rehabilitation and employment support programs, as well as vocational, employment, and business development services. In her role at Mercy Care, Janette provides technical assistance and training to network providers, and develops and implements impactful policies and procedures that maximize employment outcomes while ensuring regulatory compliance. Her data- and analytics-driven approach drives continuous improvements to program efficiency.