



Biography
Carolyn Blanks

Carolyn Blanks is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization founded by leaders of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association (Mass Senior Care) in 1985 to improve the quality of long term care services to the state's older adults and people with disabilities through education, research and quality improvement programs. Prior to her appointment to that position on January 1, 2010, Carolyn served as the Vice President of Labor and Workforce Development for the Massachusetts Senior Care Association, where she has been a valued member of the Mass Senior Care team for 16 years. Carolyn is recognized as a national leader in strengthening the quality of care through innovative workforce development initiatives. Her partnerships with state government, academia and the business and workforce development communities have been instrumental in building a national model for long term care career ladders in Massachusetts, and significantly improving the quality of resident care through developing a skilled and committed workforce.

A graduate of Bowdoin College, Carolyn is an appointed member of the Massachusetts State Workforce Investment Board, the Massachusetts Workforce Board Association Board of Directors, state advisory committees for the MA Extended Care Career Ladder Initiative and the MA Nursing and Allied Health Initiative, and the workforce sub-committee of the American Health Care Association. She has also served on the National Commission on Nursing for Long Term Care.