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Lori DeCarlo is the Superintendent at Randolph Academy UFSD where the implementation of Restorative Practices began in 2015. Under Ms. DeCarlo's leadership, the Randolph Academy Restorative Justice Team has implemented both proactive and responsive restorative practices to enhance a positive school culture, build relationships, solve conflict, and repair harm caused by wrongdoing. Ms. DeCarlo has worked with the Academy's Board of Education to ensure that restorative practices are embedded into policy and the District's Code of Conduct. As a certified Restorative Justice trainer, she has studied under internationally renowned experts in the field and has served as a practitioner/co-facilitator for the 2018 and 2019 NYSED and DCJS sponsored project, *"Using Restorative Justice Principles and Practices to Support a Culture of Care in New York State Schools"*.



Ms. DeCarlo serves as Co-Chair for the Western Regional Youth Justice Team, a multi-disciplinary team of leaders from Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties. She is a part of the national training team at the University of San Diego Center for Restorative Justice. Ms. DeCarlo presents on the topic of Restorative Justice at state, regional and local conferences. She also practices the art of "circle keeping" by facilitating circles for organizations and churches in her hometown.