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She is the former Director and AVP of Health and Wellness at Easter Seals NJ, where she managed employee and consumer health and wellness programs. Her team created the first nationally accredited health and wellness instructor certificate program for individuals with disabilities.

Laura was a leader in N.J. for the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability Inclusive Health Coalition, and the Community Inclusion Index (CDC funded initiatives).

As an R.N., she has worked as a Director of Nursing in a Senior Living Facility, a Special Needs Nurse, and as a Nurse Advocate, helping clients manage their health care and navigate the healthcare system.

Prior to nursing, Laura was a certified fitness trainer and yoga instructor who taught and managed fitness programs in NYC and Northern NJ.

She is the Chair of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce Wellness Committee, and is a member of the Morris County Human Service Advisory Council, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) "Healthy NJ 2030" Advisory Council and the NJDOH Rural Health Advisory Council.

Other volunteer service includes serving as President of the Mount Arlington Board of Health, President of the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association, and committee member on the NJ Department of Health Public Health Practice Standards, and the NJ Division of Aging Chronic Disease Self-Management Committee.

Laura has lectured and conducted Health and Wellness Training Seminars in venues in NJ and across the U.S. She is the author of hundreds of published health and fitness articles for Gannett Newspapers, and two books, "Get Fit To Go" and Well, What are You Waiting For? A Self-Health Guide".

Laura holds a Master's Degree in Public Health & Public Policy, a BA in Communications, and earned her nursing degree from the County College of Morris.