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Subject Matter Expert



Dr. Meller is a Manager at PCG, with more than 20 years of experience partnering with states, districts, schools, and educators to improve special education programs and outcomes. She leads PCG's national special education consulting service delivery and technical assistance engagements, supporting the implementation of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) technology solutions, Results Driven Accountability, and General Supervision/Monitoring initiatives. Dr. Meller has managed projects in over two dozen states, including serving as project manager for a Gates Foundation data research engagement and contributing to current thought leadership through publications and conference presentations. She also serves on the senior leadership team for Special Education Strategy across PCG's EDPlan Case Management, Medicaid Services, and Consulting Services.

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Expertise

- Special education program evaluation
- K-12 education policy
- Special education compliance, technology implementation, finance and operations
- Change management and strategic planning

Experience

Prior to joining PCG, Dr. Meller held various leadership roles in the School District of Philadelphia, as a Special Projects Manager in the Office of Management and Budget and Director of Operations in the Office of Specialized Instructional Services. In these roles, she focused on building programs that supported students' social and emotional growth, implemented student-focused data management systems, supervised federal and state reporting, and oversaw several multi-million-dollar federal grants. As part of this work, Dr. Meller led a team that provided technical assistance to more than 250 districts and 70 charter schools in the Philadelphia area. The Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Special Education recognized her team's efforts with a written commendation; the team also received recognition from other urban school districts. Dr. Meller also served as a business development manager for Dale Carnegie Training, where she was responsible for creating a product line for children and teenagers. As part of this work, she taught public speaking and self-improvement courses for all ages.

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Education

Dr. Meller earned an Ed.D. in Educational and Organizational Leadership and an MS.Ed. in Higher Education Management, both from the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, PA. She received a B.A. in English from Dickinson College, in Carlisle, PA. She also is a graduate of Leadership Jeffco.