

# PROFILE

## Krista M. Respass

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Krista Respass joined Maryland Public Television in 2001 and today serves as senior managing director of the Maryland Center for Media Literacy & Education's early childhood education unit.

Ms. Respass has worked in public media for more than 20 years, bringing PBS KIDS educational media content to educators and families. Most recently, under her leadership, MPT developed a comprehensive set of teaching and learning resources for the PBS KIDS show *Carl the Collector* for national dissemination.

Ms. Respass, working alongside executive leadership, has been instrumental in outlining MPT's strategic vision to establish the Maryland Center for Media Literacy & Education. She leads her team in conducting statewide professional learning sessions in early childhood education practices, particularly in the area of media literacy, developmentally appropriate technology integration, and curricula.

In her current position, Ms. Respass cultivates and maintains strategic partnerships and works closely with the Maryland State Department of Education to inform MPT's development and implementation of state-approved early learning and professional learning activities for early childhood educators. Her responsibilities include coordinating the activities of professional and technical personnel to develop and implement various professional development models, student learning resources, and family engagement activities in diverse communities. Further, in collaboration with PBS, she has led the development of several national professional learning courses and early childhood activities.

Ms. Respass is a Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program fellow and has served on the Maryland Family Engagement Coalition, chairing its Early Childhood Technology Subcommittee. She is also a past secretary for the Maryland Out of School Time Network board of directors.

She began her career as an early childhood educator and tutor for children with autism. She later trained educators on techniques for adapting learning activities and routines to improve inclusive practices as training director and inclusion project coordinator for the Baltimore City Child Care Resources Center, a private nonprofit organization.

An alumna of Towson University, Ms. Respass earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. She currently resides in Owings Mills.