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Denise McHugh has over 20 years of experience in the human services field. She is an attorney admitted to practice in Colorado and New York. Denise has been a consultant on the national, state, and local levels on legal and policy matters affecting children and families involved with the health, mental health, education, early childhood, juvenile justice, and child welfare systems. She has worked with agencies in both the private and public sector, including heading the division of attorneys that represented the Commissioner of Social Services in the five family courts in New York City; providing consultation on legal and policy issues to the New York City's Child Welfare Administration and Agency for Child Development; providing project management on initiatives and projects to improve service delivery and systems change for children and families and through policy and legislation; and interfacing with state and local public agencies and the Colorado State Legislature. She has published on legal and policy issues affecting children and families. She clerked for Chief Justice William Wayne Justice, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas focusing on class action litigation to reform the criminal justice system in Texas and worked in private practice at a New York City law firm specializing in commercial and construction litigation.

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