



## **Gail B. Kelso**

Gail B. Kelso currently serves as the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief and Recovery (EPDRR) Team Co-Lead for the Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) and previously worked as the Region VI State Systems Specialist. She has been working in child care in Louisiana for thirty-five years, as a child care center director, the director of a child care resource and referral agency, and the Louisiana CCDF State Administrator. As the content lead for the SCBC's EPDRR resource development and support to states and territories, Ms. Kelso has developed webinars, facilitated peer learning groups, and provided individualized assistance. Recently, she has been working closely with the Office of Child Care to provide technical assistance to states, territories, and tribes that received supplemental disaster relief funds for child care through the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019. Her expertise also includes early childhood systems building, leadership and coordination, strategic planning, and training and professional development.