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Gloria Merk became the Statewide Child Care Licensing Program Administrator in January 2006. Gloria comes with extensive program and administrative experience. She is a former licensed provider who served people with autism and was a member of the Social Services Advisory Board. Most recently, she served as the California Department of Social Services Administration Division Deputy Director. Gloria has dedicated her career to improving

California's vulnerable population's health and well-being, through the improvement of services and systems.

Gloria has a Masters of Arts Degree in Psychology. She has worked tirelessly in the public and private sector serving people with autism, mothers with substance abuse problems and their children, people with mental illness and the elderly. Gloria takes pride in bringing diverse groups and ideas together to achieve common goals.