

# Children, Youth & Families: Results Based Leadership Driving Systematic Change

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Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen is Vice-President of Community Services at Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota, where she oversees counseling services, consumer credit counseling service, refugee and immigration services, childcare & education services, and mentoring services. Rebecca earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Gustavus Adolphus College, and a master's in public administration from the University of South Dakota. She began her career with Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota in 2001 as the director of the school-based mentoring program.

## **Molly McGrath Tierney**

Molly McGrath Tierney is the Director for the Baltimore City Department of Social Services where she manages the City's child welfare and public assistance programs. Tierney championed an organizational reform effort that dramatically improved its impact, including reducing the number of children in foster care by 70%. Over the past 20 years, Tierney has also led human services reform in Chicago and in Washington, DC. Tierney holds a master's degree from Loyola University and is a fellow with the Annie E. Casey Foundation.