

# Emerging Workforce Initiative

## *Elizabeth Senn-Alvey, Founder and CEO*

Always an advocate for young people, Ms. Senn-Alvey has served in the field of workforce preparation for over 15 years. Serving college students, women pursuing non-traditional careers, young people with disabilities, high school dropouts, court-involved youth returning to the community, and others with barriers to success in the workplace, Ms. Senn-Alvey has designed and administered a wide variety of programs and activities. As a program administrator in Louisville, KY, she managed the city's first one-stop job centers that provided training and placement services to thousands of career-seekers annually. As a project coordinator with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Ms. Senn-Alvey developed academic and financial supports to assist vulnerable students to succeed in college.



Since 2002, Ms. Senn-Alvey has been conducting research on effective strategies for preparing young people for work and building the capacity of workforce preparation entities to implement these strategies. Completed research projects include a community mapping of youth-serving organizations, an extensive survey of emerging workers and an analysis of funding sources that support workforce preparation efforts. Capacity building activities include writing work preparation curricula, bringing together collaborators to create new activities, and securing new funding sources for existing programs.

In 2008, Ms. Senn-Alvey founded the *Emerging Workforce Initiative* to expand the reach and impact of these research and capacity building activities. The *Initiative* was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 2009.

Ms. Senn-Alvey holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Non-Profit Management from the University of Louisville. Ms. Senn-Alvey has volunteered extensively with local and national organizations that advocate for children and youth in foster care, American Red Cross youth programs, and the American Society for Public Administration. She lives with her husband and their three teenage children near Louisville, Kentucky.