

PROFILE | **Krista M. Respass**

Managing Director
Early Childhood Education Services
Education Division



Krista Respass joined Maryland Public Television in 2001 and today serves as managing director for the Education Division's early childhood education unit.

In this position she oversees all grant-funded early childhood and after-school education projects. This includes coordinating the activities of professional and technical personnel who create standards-based multimedia lessons and conducting statewide professional development sessions in childhood education practices and curricula.

Earlier in her MPT career, Ms. Respass served as manager of early childhood education projects. In this role she supervised all aspects of the federally funded Ready to Learn program with its goal of enhancing school readiness for children up to age eight through the use of television and online resources.

Before joining MPT, Ms. Respass held the posts of training director and inclusion project coordinator for the Baltimore City Child Care Resources Center, a private nonprofit organization. She began her career as an early childhood educator and an applied behavior therapist, tutoring autistic children and training educators on techniques for transitioning home-educated special needs children into formal learning settings.

An alumna of Towson University, Ms. Respass earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is a regular presenter at local, state, and national early childhood education conferences.

Ms. Respass is a resident of Owings Mills, Maryland.