

Sharon LeGore has been an accomplished parent advocate within the substance abuse and co-occurring disorder field for more than eighteen years. Ms. LeGore is the founder and president of MOMSTELL, a parent advocacy organization focused on substance use disorders. She has worked on drug and alcohol policies, state budgets, and legislative issues in Pennsylvania and was instrumental in the crafting, passage, and implementation of legislation to create the nation's first statewide Parent Advisory Council for Substance Use Disorder Issues. Ms. LeGore also co-directs the National Family Dialogue for Families of Youth with Substance Use Disorders, the mission of which is to unite families across the nation to strengthen, improve, and sustain substance abuse treatment and recovery systems. Trained by the Center for Motivation and Change and the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids in the evidence-based practice of Community Reinforcement and Family Training (CRAFT), Ms. LeGore uses her peer-to-peer parent coaching skills to help other parents who are seeking recovery for loved ones with substance use/co-occurring disorder.

From her own experiences, Ms. LeGore learned about the importance of self-care, which has become an important part of her education program for parents. She also excels in her collaborative partnership skills and has worked for over twelve years providing family involvement technical assistance across the country. Ms. LeGore co-authored the report *Families of Youth with Substance Use Disorders: A National Dialogue*, issue briefs titled "Family Involvement in Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment" and "Family Involvement in Child-Serving Systems and the Need for Cross-Systems Collaboration," and other publications. She resides in York, Pennsylvania, where she also volunteers in her community on the executive council and leadership team of the York County System of Care.