

**Greg Olsen – Acting Executive Director, New York State Office for the Aging**

Greg Olsen oversees the day-to-day operations of the Office of the Aging and the administration of federal- and state-funded programs designed to assist the more than 3.7 million older adults in the state, as well as programs that assist family members and others who are involved with helping older adults who are in need of greater levels of assistance. Prior to working at NYSOFA, he was the Chief of State and Legislative Policy Director to the Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Aging, the Executive Director of the NYS Alliance for Retired Americans and the Executive Director of the NYS Coalition for the Aging. Greg received his MSW from Syracuse University with a specialty in Gerontology for the Maxwell School.

**Jill Kagan – Director, ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center**

Jill Kagan represents ARCH on several prominent national coalitions, including the newly formed core advisory group to the Assisting Caregivers Today (ACT) Congressional Caucus and the National Child Abuse Prevention Partners of the Children's Bureau. She is co-chair of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation's Respite Impact Council of the Military Caregivers Coalition, co-chair of the Autism, Developmental Disabilities and Family Support Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and facilitator of the national Lifespan Respite Task Force. Previously Jill served as deputy staff director to the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families in the U.S. House of Representatives. She holds an MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Ed Watkins - Assistant Deputy Council, New York Office of Children and Family Services**

During his 35-year tenure with the State of New York, Ed Watkins he has been involved with issues involving dependent adults, homeless individuals and families, abused children, and child day care. He has drafted contracts, regulations and legislation involving the above and has litigated hundreds of cases involving the licensing of adult care and child care facilities at the administrative hearing level and in all New York State courts. He has served under five governors, 15 commissioners and 9 general counsels. Ed is a graduate of Hamilton College and Albany Law School.

**Doris Green – Director, NYS Caregiving and Respite Coalition**

Doris Green has worked in the Aging and Disability field for 14 years in Rochester, NY. Her past experience includes developing programs in the areas of planning, advocacy and financial services for older adults and caregivers of persons with disabilities. She currently serves as Director of the New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition as an employee of Lifespan of Greater Rochester. In this role, Doris oversees a coalition of informal caregivers and agencies that support caregivers throughout New York State. Doris holds an MPA from SUNY Brockport

**Daphne Johnston – Director, First United Methodist Church Respite Ministry**

Daphne Johnston leads the Respite Ministry in Montgomery, Alabama; serving over 200 people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and includes 120 dementia trained volunteers from eight different churches and two synagogues. Daphne's volunteer model of care has drawn the attention of the University of Alabama's School of Medicine as they work to partner with other volunteer programs around the southeast United States. Ms. Johnston is an advocate for those living with memory loss and has made it her personal mission to help families, clergy and professionals better understand that trained volunteers can be the heart of community Alzheimer's programs. She received her MA in Gerontology and Public Administration from the University of West Georgia.