

Martha Roherty **Executive Director**

Martha Roherty is the Executive Director of ADvancing States (formerly NASUAD). ADvancing States was founded in 1964 under the name National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA). In 2019, the association changed its name to ADvancing States. Today, ADvancing States represents the nation's 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities and long-term services and supports directors. ADvancing States supports visionary leadership, the advancement of systems innovation and the articulation of national policies that support long term services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities. The primary purposes of ADvancing States are to serve as a focal point of communication between the states and the federal government and to provide an information network among the states on long-term services and supports.

Ms. Roherty and her staff are responsible for educating Congress, the Administration, other state executive branch organizations, advocacy groups, and the general public on administrative and health and social policy issues of special concern to the state officials administering the programs for long-term care services. Ms. Roherty also furnishes technical assistance to state Aging, Medicaid, and Disability program staff, including the development of competencies in the transition to person-centered planning, options counseling, and self-direction. Ms. Roherty currently serves on various Boards of leadership: the National Resource Center for Participant Directed Services; the National Academy of Social Insurance; the National EVV Association; the Center for Excellence in Assisted Living; and the Long-Term Quality Alliance.

Prior to joining ADvancing States, Ms. Roherty served as the director of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors. In that capacity, she helped states navigate through

transitions in the Medicaid program, including transitioning the dually eligible population to Medicare Part D; develop Medicaid waivers in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; and implement the Deficit Reduction Act.

Ms. Roherty has also held various positions at The Finance Project, the National Association of State Budget Officers, the National Governors Association, and the National Conference of State Legislatures. She holds a Master of Public Policy with a concentration in finance from the University of Maryland. Ms. Roherty is the mother of 5, including an adult son with autism who is on the Medicaid waiver, and annually participates in his own person-centered planning process.