

**Beth Bowling** was born and raised in Central Indiana. While her proudest accomplishment is being a mother to her two children, she would not be who she is today without her education. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Culture from Indiana University in Bloomington, then continued her education to earn her Master of Public Affairs in Nonprofit Management from Indiana University in Indianapolis. Beth has also obtained credentials in Youth Development and as a Certified Workforce Development Professional. Because Beth received support from programs like 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars to achieve her academic goals, she developed a passion for helping other young people escape generational poverty through educational attainment. Her passion for youth development has led her to roles in youth-serving organizations ranging from the YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars, and JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates).



In her current role as the Director of K-12 Programs at EmployIndy, Beth is charged with the oversight of youth workforce initiatives. She strives to ensure program success for partnering high schools in Marion County and deliver on EmployIndy's commitment for students to be prepared to enter the workforce and/or postsecondary education upon graduation. This work is largely accomplished in the leadership she provides the local JAG programs in achieving positive outcomes in high school graduation, employment, and postsecondary education for nearly 1,000 students annually across 15 high schools. Beth is determined to bring equitable opportunities for youth in our community, so all young adults experience access and success in pursuing their career goals.