

Karen J. Berube, MSW, LCSW, CSAC

Part C—Gabe Kruks Memorial HIV/AIDS Service Award



Karen Berube started her work in HIV as a social work intern with what was then known as Inova Health System's HIV Services, thus starting her passion to work in HIV/AIDS care. She later became coordinator for the Regional AIDS Care and Treatment Program. Karen returned to Inova Juniper Program where she served as a clinical social worker, Mental Health Program Manager, then Clinical Program Manager, and, since 2007, as its Director.

In the early epidemic, Ms. Berube supported patients who were often sick or dying. With advances in HIV treatment, her focus shifted from acute intervention care to managing a chronic illness, and assisting patients to live productive lives. As the director, she continues to make decisions that ensure the sustainability of high quality medical and medical case management services. Karen's efforts to raise awareness of Inova Juniper Program in the community and in medical facilities have assured that people living with HIV in Northern Virginia, regardless of insurance coverage, can receive holistic and compassionate care. Through Karen's clinical and financial acumen, the program has expanded to six sites serving patients across Northern Virginia.



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