

Happy Fall! I hope the new school year is off to a great start. I have met some of you virtually already, but I wanted to introduce myself and share some MOVE updates. My name is Christine Sarnacki, and I am the new MOVE Program manager. As a former Special Education teacher, I used MOVE in my classroom and was an MIT. I became passionate about MOVE shortly after I was introduced to the program, and I am so honored to have the opportunity to work with MOVE full time. This has been a very busy summer for MOVE. With help from Julie Sues Delaney, MOVE has added a core of trainers that will be able to conduct MIT and MIT recertification trainings. Julie and I also spent many hours together as I learned my new role. I am very hopeful about the future of MOVE and I am excited to be able to work with all of you!

MOVE is growing! Many new schools and centers have received basic provider training in the last year and they are excited about the positive impact it has had on their students and staff. MIT trainings continue to be held on a rotating basis as well, with many interested in taking leadership in their school as a MOVE expert. The West Coast will have MIT recertifications and Model sites visits in Spring 2025. All California and Washington State MITs should plan to attend. Invites with specific dates and registration forms will be sent via email soon. There will also be new MIT training in NY November 25-26<sup>th</sup> of this year and in California in Spring 2025 (Date TBD). If you or an MIT at your site needs to recertify and or if there is someone interested in becoming an MIT, please contact me. Many of your schools have information about MOVE on your school website, which is great! If you do and have linked to the MOVE website the web address for that is now <u>https://cfdsny.org/move-international</u> and may need to be updated. I wanted to share that the MIT training materials and presentations are all in the process of being updated. I will share the new training materials with all MITs once they are completed in the spring.

Lastly, an important part of what we all do is celebrating success and progress! Please share success stories with me when you can and indicate if it can be publicized (on our website or via email). Please also reach out if you or your site needs anything related to MOVE. I am available by email <u>christine.sarnacki@cfdsny.org</u>, phone: (518) 437- 5657, and for virtual meetings as well. I look forward to connecting with all of you soon.

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