

**Shelly Yarnie, MPH**  
**Project Manager**

Shelly Yarnie is responsible for managing a variety of projects to support existing OCP programs and the overall administrative infrastructure of the department. She is currently working on marketing strategies that will advance OCP's vision, mission and services to internal and external constituents; this includes the development of marketing/communication materials such as the annual report, program brochures, and program posters. Ms. Yarnie is responsible for the overall implementation of the OCP's Strategic Plan and most recently assumed responsibility for the overall management and reporting for the Healthy Start Grow Smart project which is a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services funded project.

Ms. Yarnie has extensive experience within the public health arena. Prior to joining the Office of Community Programs, she worked as a Program Manager in the Asthma Center at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. She also has held positions of School Based Health Center Manager at Family Health Center of Worcester and Contracts Manager at the Great Brook Valley Health Center.

Ms. Yarnie is a co-author of "Personnel costs and Perceived benefit of telephone care in the management of children with Type 1 diabetes," *Pediatric Diabetes*, 2005. She also had the opportunity to present an abstract on The "Epidemiology of Asthma by Socioeconomic Group in Connecticut (CT)" at the American Thoracic Convention in San Diego, California in 2005.

Ms. Yarnie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Masters of Public Health, Health Policy and Management from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst School of Public Health and Health Sciences.