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### **Karen Ferguson: Program Manager**

Karen A. Ferguson, Ph.D. is an Alaska licensed clinical psychologist and Director of the Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services program of Catholic Social Services. Dr. Ferguson also serves as the State Refugee Coordinator for Alaska. For over 6 years, she served as the mental health consultant to the Catholic Social Services Immigration and Refugee Program providing psychological assessments and mental health services to immigrant clients and trafficking victims.

### **Rebekah Cushing: Technical Assistant Coordinator**

Rebekah Cushing is a lifelong Alaskan, born and raised in Sitka. She spent most of her life commercial fishing for halibut and black cod before moving to Anchorage where she attended Alaska Pacific University and graduated with a degree in Cross Cultural Psychology. Rebekah has traveled extensively throughout the world providing humanitarian relief, working specifically with formerly abducted child soldiers, orphans and other vulnerable children and victims of human trafficking.