

## Hillary Nichols- Executive Director

Hillary joined the Ulster County IDA in September of 2023. Prior to this she was involved in workforce development, working specifically to support people with disabilities find and maintain meaningful employment opportunities as the Director of Vocational and OPWDD Services for the Resource Center for Accessible Living. RCAL is the Independent Living Center for Ulster County where Hillary held various roles from 2007-2023. In addition, she currently serves as co-chair of the New York State Rehabilitation Committee for Adult Career and Continuing Education Services, Vocational Rehabilitation since 2018, most recently serving as Vice-Chair of the council. In addition, Hillary was in the role of Chair of the Ulster County Transition Council from 2019-2023 committed to ensuring local students with disabilities have a successful transition out of high school. In her time as Director of Vocational services she has been the recipient of several awards for her commitment to developing opportunities for people with disabilities to find employment in the Advanced Manufacturing space. Hillary is a lifelong resident of Ulster County, where she lives with her family and is committed to bringing job opportunities and growth to the county. Hillary has a B.A from SUNY New Paltz with a major in psychology.