

### **Dr. Christina Conolly bio**

*Christina Conolly, Psy.D, NCSP*, is Director for Psychological Services with Montgomery County Public Schools.

Dr. Conolly is responsible for school psychologists and the Bilingual Assessment Team (BAT) in the Division of Psychological Services. In this role, she oversees the Signs of Suicide Prevention Program, Trauma-Informed Schools, and Behavioral Threat Assessment initiatives. She is the former Director for Crisis Intervention and Safety for the Waukegan (Ill.) Public Schools and was responsible for managing the five missions of emergency management and safety/security for her school district. In this capacity, she supervised suicide and bullying prevention programs, the district mental health response team, physical restraints, isolated timeouts, district and school crisis plan development, incident action planning for large-scale school events, staff training, and consultation with school buildings and community agencies. She oversaw the district's bullying committee and oversaw efforts to develop policies, procedures and curriculum used to combat bullying in the schools.

Dr. Conolly has authored and co-authored articles on school crisis prevention and intervention. She is the chairperson of the National Association of School Psychologists' (NASP) School Safety & Crisis Response Committee and co-author of the PREPaRE Workshop 1: Crisis Prevention and Preparedness. She is also the co-author of *School Crisis Prevention and Intervention: The PREPaRE Model (2016)*. She received the NASP Presidential Award in 2017 and 2018 for her work with understanding race and privilege and national crises responses around the continental United States and Puerto Rico.