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Carmen is the Chief of the Division of Student Services and the State Director of the Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program in the Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction of the PA Department of Education. She oversees 6 initiatives including Migrant Education, Refugee School Impact Grant, Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Program, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Foster Care Provision under ESSA and Homeless Education (McKinney-Vento). In addition to overseeing the programs mentioned before, Carmen is a member of the Pennsylvania Department of Education Data Governance Council and Credit Recovery/Flexibility workgroup. Prior to her new employment, Carmen was the Adams County Program Director of 21st Century Community Learning Centers. As the Program Director, she was responsible for the grant writing, implementation, management, and supervision, of the Adams County after-school programs focusing on migrant students, abstinence program, among other programs. She also spent 15 years with Dauphin County Courthouse system as an Adult Probation & Parole Officer and Criminal Investigator. Carmen is the former Chair of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs, and former President of the National Latino Peace Officer Association and Pennsylvania-Gettysburg Chapter. On August 28, 2004, Carmen received the Honor to be the recipient of the PA Latina of the Year Award of the National Latino Peace Officer Association and she was presented with the Key of Gettysburg Borough. On August 2005 she was selected as one of twelve Central Pennsylvania Women of Strength. Carmen is an Alumnus of the Leadership Development Institute for Women in Government and a Fellow of the Education Policy Leadership Institute. Carmen M. Medina is a native of Caguas, Puerto Rico. She attended the University of Puerto Rico where she majored in Mathematics and minored in Education. In 1978, she moved to Harrisburg, PA.