

## Michele Cahill

Michele Cahill is vice president for national programs at Carnegie Corporation of New York, where she leads the philanthropy's strategy to support creation of pathways to educational and economic opportunity by generating systemic change across K–12 and higher education, and to support expanded pathways to citizenship, civil participation, and civic integration in a pluralistic society. Cahill served as the co-chair of the Carnegie Institute for Advanced Study Commission on Mathematics and Science Education, managing the development of its 2009 report, *The Opportunity Equation: Transforming Mathematics and Science Education for the Global Economy and Citizenship*, found at <http://opportunityequation.org>.

Prior to rejoining Carnegie Corporation in 2007, she held the position of senior counselor to the chancellor for education policy in the New York City Department of Education under Chancellor Joel Klein. Cahill has been a member of the Children First senior leadership team since its inception in 2002. The team oversaw and implemented the full-scale reorganization and reform of the New York City public schools, focusing specifically on district redesign and accountability, school restructuring and new school development, and secondary education. The secondary education reforms resulted in a 20 percent increase in the graduation rate, the largest in decades.

Cahill has more than 30 years of experience in education reform, including a decade as the co-founder of the Public Policy Program, a nationally recognized innovative college program for non-traditional students at Saint Peter's College.