

2009 Kids First Board of Directors

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Louise Bandieri has been a member of the Kids First Board since 2000. She is the current President of the Nutrition Council of Rhode Island and is the owner of LouLinLLC, maker of the nutrition game All You Can Eat 1998. Since retiring from elementary school teaching, Louise founded her own company, LouLinLLC in order to make a difference in the lives of children's health by inventing a board game that would make learning about nutrition fun. The game is now in a second edition and well received all over the country. The connection with Kids First has been a natural union as Louise believes we are all on the same page, working diligently to help change the health of this nation, one child at a time.

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Leslie Capece has been a Kids First Board member since 2008. She currently works at the Rhode Island Department of Education as a Finance and Grant Officer. Leslie is the parent of two teenagers and believes providing health and wellness education to children is paramount in helping them develop healthy habits to last a lifetime.

Barbara Cohen
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Barbara Cohen has been on the Kids First Board of Directors for over four years since becoming the Resident District Manager for Chartwells in the East Bay. She is proud to be involved with Kids First and has a special interest in the Farm to School program within Rhode Island and is also part of a Farm to School corporate initiative nationally for Chartwells.

Beth Emery, RD
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Beth Emery has been on the Kids First Board for three years. She is delighted to contribute to the great work that Kids First does for Rhode Island's children. As ARAMARK Education's Program Director of the Rhode Island Statewide Food Service Program, Beth is able to advocate her passion for healthy, great tasting local foods. The collaboration of her work feeding Rhode Island's students in concert with the ARAMARK Education team has remarkable synergies with the goals of Kids First.

Mark Jeffrey, *Vice-Chair*
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Mark R. Jeffrey has been on the Kids First Board of Director for eight years and currently serves as the Board Vice-Chairman. He is the District Manager for Sodexo Services for the Providence, RI and Springfield, MA school districts. Mark has his Masters Degree from Johnson & Wales University and has over twenty-five years experience in the food and beverage industry.

Michael Marrocco
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Mike Marrocco has served on the Kids First Board for two years. He directs the self-operated food service program in the Cranston Public Schools district. He is on the Kids First Board of Directors because he feels that students need to eat well, play well and have access to all of the healthy and fresh foods that the Rhode Island Farm to School Project can offer to school cafeterias.

Marjorie Muller, *Chair*
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Marjorie Muller has served on the Kids First Board for eight years. She joined the board because she believes in Kids First and what they are trying to accomplish through education.

Amy Page Oberg
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Amy Page Oberg has been on the Board of Kids First for five years. She is an attorney, an elected member of the school committee in Barrington and the chair of the Barrington Health and Wellness subcommittee. She is also the Chairperson of the Greater Providence YMCA and has a tremendous heart for children.

Pam Peters

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Pamela has served on the Board since 2002. She supports Kids First as a valuable resource for Rhode Island and she encourages the students and faculty of Johnson & Wales University to assist in Kids First efforts and initiatives whenever possible.

Joanne Valk, *Secretary*

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Joanne has served on the Kids First Board for five years. As a lifelong teacher and administrator, she believes in educating the whole child - physically, mentally, socially and academically - in order for that child to succeed. She supports Kids First in order to promote the overall health and wellness of children in Rhode Island.