

Biography for Jacqueline M. Nowicki
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Ms. Nowicki is a Director in the Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Her current portfolio covers a wide range of K-12 education issues, including special education, educational outcomes and access for vulnerable populations, student civil rights, and school choice. She also has 20+ years of experience with federal budgeting and grants management issues, including user fees, performance budgeting, and the congressional appropriations process. Her work has resulted in billions of dollars of savings, as well as legislative and programmatic changes. Additionally, she teaches and facilitates leadership and writing courses at GAO, and is a certified Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Facilitator.

Ms. Nowicki joined GAO in 1998 and has received numerous awards during her GAO career, including a Client Services award for exemplary commitment to providing expert and timely service to Congressional clients; the EEO/Diversity award for her leadership and commitment to creating an inclusive work environment audit products; and a Meritorious Service award for her dedication to staff development and motivating staff to achieve high levels of performance.

Prior to joining GAO, Ms. Nowicki worked in private sector consulting and led projects on education, job training and social policy issues for state and local government clients, and served as a Senior Fiscal Analyst at the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. She earned a Master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy and a Bachelor's degree in finance from Lehigh University.