

## Mary Ellen Clark



Mary Ellen Clark is currently the Executive Director of the Central New Jersey Bio-1 initiative a federally funded \$5.1 million grant from the US Department of Labor's WIRED (Workforce Innovations for Regional Economic Development) program to focus on retaining and expanding high quality jobs in the biosciences sector in Central New Jersey. Strategies range from exciting young people about the biosciences, focusing on underrepresented groups and laying smooth education and career pathways to increasing bioscience workforce development through targeted training and transformational graduate programs.

With more than 26 years experience in the information technology industry, Clark most recently served as a director in the global program management group of Johnson and Johnson's Information Technology Services division where she was responsible for customer project delivery. Prior to this position, she was the process excellence leader for the information management and finance functions, responsible for the deployment of J&J's Six Sigma program. Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson in 2001, Clark spent a number years working in the pharmaceutical, forest products and agrichemicals industries, as well as consulting and teaching.

She holds an M.S. in management systems analysis, a technical certificate in computer programming as well as a B.A. with general honors in music education from Douglass College. She is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt. She also co-founded the WINGS college-to-career mentoring program at J&J. She was a recipient of the YWCA TWIN (Tribute to Women In Industry) award and the Corporate Connecting Communities Award from the Rutgers Center for Women and Work.

Mary Ellen and her husband, Michael Castoro, a special education teacher, reside in Oceanport, NJ.