

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY**

**Sandra Sheedy** works with the New York State Education Department, Child Nutrition Program Administration, where she manages USDA's School Meals Initiative in New York State. Sandra and her staff evaluate the nutrient content of meals served in more than 1,300 School Food Authorities (6,000+ sites) under the federal Child Nutrition Programs, primarily the National School Lunch Program. Once evaluated, technical assistance is provided to schools in order to bring meals served into compliance with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and age appropriate nutrient standards. Sandra also manages the Statewide Provision 2 program (also referred to as the universal meals program), which is an alternative counting and claiming program used primarily in the larger city school districts of New York City, Syracuse and Buffalo. Sandra's efforts are concentrated primarily in the five boroughs of New York City.