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As the Director of Clinical Services, Mary Riggs Cohen oversees the Center for Autism's clinical staff and treatment services for over 1,500 children and families at our two Philadelphia locations. Dr. Cohen received her doctoral training in clinical psychology at the Catholic University of America and her postdoctoral family therapy training at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Center. Dr. Cohen is a licensed psychologist in New York and Pennsylvania. She has 36 years of experience working with children, adolescents, adults and families and has specialized in the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders for 20 years. As Clinical Director of the Social Learning Disorders Program at the University of Pennsylvania Psychiatry Department, she developed the Social Skills Seminar for young adults on the autism spectrum. The program has been taught year round at Penn and at various locations in the Philadelphia metropolitan area and in New York City. She is the author of *Social Literacy: A Social Skills Seminar for Young Adults with ASDs, NLDs and Social Anxiety*. Prior to coming to the Center for Autism, Dr. Cohen was the Director of the Center for Teaching and Research in Autism at Pace University.