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Elisabeth originally returned to her home state of Arkansas to lead the Department of Human Services Office of Policy and Planning, where she guided a number of cross-system initiatives, including the agency's priority agenda to reform the children's behavioral health system.

At the national level, Elisabeth previously worked with state leaders on afterschool and early childhood programs at the National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices and The Finance Project. She received Master of Public Policy and Master of Social Work degrees from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Arts in social psychology with honors from Smith College.

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