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Michelle Bernier-Toth joined the Department of State in 1987 and served consular positions in Damascus, Syria; Doha, Qatar; and Abu Dhabi, UAE. She also served in Foreign Service positions in the Bureaus of Near East Affairs and Consular Affairs, as well as at the Foreign Service Institute, before converting to Civil Service in 2003. As a Civil Service Officer, Michelle was the Deputy Director in the Office of Children's Issues; as Director, Office of American Citizens Services and Crisis Management; and as Managing Director, Overseas Citizens Services. In December 2019, Michelle was named as the Special Advisor for Children's Issues in the Bureau of Consular Affairs. Michelle graduated from Yale University in 1982 with a Bachelor's of Art in Near Eastern Languages and Literature, and has a Master's in Arab Studies from Georgetown University. She has three adult children, of whom she is very proud.