## **Biography**

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Melanie Swanson is a Certified Prevention Specialist and Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist at The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc., where she has worked for the past fourteen years. Ms. Swanson is certified in the Student Assistance Program (SAP) and she is a Commissioned Officer for the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Tobacco Products. In her capacity at The Council, she has engaged in tobacco prevention, cessation, enforcement and policy efforts. She received her Master's Degree in Education from Arcadia University and her B.A. in Psychology and Romance Languages (French, Italian and Spanish) from Bryn Mawr College. She is Co-Chair of the Bucks County Medication Take Back Committee and facilitates the Bucks County Overdose Prevention Education Collaborative. Since 2015, Ms. Swanson has served as community mobilizer for the Neshaminy Coalition for Youth, a Communities-that-Care prevention coalition. In June 2017, Ms. Swanson received the Maggie Marcopul Award for notable contributions to the prevention field through service, leadership, political advocacy and education.