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Ms. Allen, MS, is a program associate in Virginia Tech's Institute of Policy and Governance (VT IPG). She co-manages the institute and currently serves as a data manager, evaluator and project specialist on a Needs Assessment grant of Nonprofits in Loudoun County, VA. She served in similar capacity on a Veteran demonstration grant evaluation, providing staff assistance and data management support for gathering information on 1000+ transition programs, employment and training opportunities, and educational programs available to Virginia Veterans and Transitioning Service Members. Tasks included developing and maintaining a data management system for tracking and reporting data for asset mapping/web portal prototype and gap analyses.

Prior to joining IPG, Liz was a data specialist on a 4 year grant funded *Project Evaluation of Smart Beginnings Danville-Pittsylvania School Readiness Initiative*. Providing technical assistance and project management support, her work focused on implementation and outcome evaluations of three program areas, including The Incredible Years (IY), an evidence-based parenting program targeting at-risk families and The Virginia Star Quality Initiative (VSQI), a state-developed enrichment program for early care and education providers. With expertise in data management and visualization techniques, she worked with program managers to develop a "user friendly" data tracking and dashboard reporting system for program management and evaluation. Ms. Allen has also served on an evaluation team for *The Virginia Star Quality Initiative Family Child Care Home Provider Pilot Evaluation* and has 20+ years of experience in supporting people, projects, and processes in a variety of work settings (academic, professional, medical, non-profit, and non-secular).

When not buried in spreadsheets and pivot tables, Liz enjoys reading books with her book club buddies, traveling to far away, exotic places with her family, and of course, making music – daily!
