

## **Representative Kristine Reeves' Biography**

Kristine Reeves is a working mom who understands the balance between working hard to succeed and raising a family. That's why she is a strong advocate for working families, raising the middle class, and providing opportunities for those who sacrifice for their communities.

A Moses Lake native, Kristine received her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Washington State University (Go Cougs!) and went on to pursue a master's degree in Organizational Leadership at Gonzaga University in Spokane.

From there, she went on to serve a variety of roles, include Statewide Veterans Constituency Coordinator for U.S. Senator Patty Murray. Her role in Senator Murray's office included increasing and developing relationships to help improve military transition, workforce development, and veteran healthcare. She also served as the South Sound Regional Director, as well the Kitsap & Olympic Peninsula Director for Senator Murray.

Currently, Kristine is the Director of Economic Development for the Military and Defense sector for the state of Washington. Her role focuses on promoting public and private economic development that supports military bases; defense industry suppliers, contractors and small businesses, as well as working with community advocacy support organizations in their engagement with the U.S. Military in Washington State. That includes helping to secure federal grants to improve private sector job growth, supporting military personnel transitioning to private sector jobs, and supporting small businesses.

Kristine lives with her husband and two children in Federal Way.