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Denise Capelli has served as the Program Coordinator for the RI Adult/Influenza Program since May 2013. She is no stranger to the world of immunizations; she first joined the RI Department of Health in 1995 and worked with the development of KIDSNET, the state's childhood immunization registry. She worked in that program for 13 years, helping to develop the registry and then train providers on how to use it. Seven years ago she accepted a role to run the Ryan White AIDS Drug Assistance Program. It was within the Ryan White program that she learned about the use of Patient Assistance Programs, which led her to investigate if there were similar programs for vaccines.