



**Sherry Carpenter  
Executive Director**

Sherry Bargagliotti Carpenter has worked in international education for almost 20 years. Her first international education experience was when she was an exchange student herself to Toulouse, France, in the 1980s. Sherry still keeps in contact with her host family.

Sherry's international career began as a teacher in Japan at an international girls' high school in Yokohama, and since then she has conducted several programs, all focusing on developing international understanding and cross-cultural exchange. In her current position as Executive Director of Ayusa, she manages one of the premier youth exchange organizations in the U.S., bringing 1,500 students each year from overseas to experience life in the United States with a host family and high school. Ayusa is a founding member of the YES Department of State-sponsored programs.

Prior to joining Ayusa, Sherry served as Director of U.S. Territory and International Student Recruitment for the Junior Statesmen Foundation. While there, she implemented a preparatory study program for students in the U.S. Pacific Territories geared toward equipping students with the necessary skills for successfully completing summer studies in politics and speech at Yale, Princeton, Northwestern, Stanford, and Georgetown Universities.

Sherry received a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. Sherry resides in San Mateo, CA, with her husband, Jeff, and they both enjoy learning new languages and exploring the world.

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