



National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality

## *Biographical Data Form*

*Laura Buford*

<b>Education (include basic preparation through highest degree held)</b>			
<b>Degree</b>	<b>Institution (Name, City, State)</b>	<b>Major Area of Study</b>	<b>Year</b>
BSN	University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas	Nursing	1987

**Use the space below to provide a brief bio describing professional experience or areas of expertise related to involvement in continuing education and particular role, e.g., planner, presenter, administrator, etc.**

Laura Buford graduated with a BSN from the University of Texas at Austin in 1987. After graduation, she started a career in pediatric nursing, working at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Her 4 years there included work on a Med/Surg unit, PACU, and ED. Laura returned to Austin and worked in adult ED and then home health case management for pediatric patients in the Seton Network. She then moved to a small surgical hospital working in the perioperative areas. While there, Laura started working in Infection Control and joined APIC in 1996. This association led to Laura returning to work with the Seton Network full-time in Infection Control. Laura has continued to be an active member in APIC and the local chapter, serving as a board member, secretary, president-elect, and chapter president for 2009. Laura has been certified in Infection Control since 2003.