## Sarah Parsons

Sarah Parsons is from Cumberland, Maryland in Allegany County. She was born and grew up in Cumberland. Sarah has always tried to be an active member of her community, as a child and adolescent she volunteered to help with such organizations as the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Animal Welfare Society among others. Upon graduation from Allegany High School, she pursued her undergraduate degree at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. While at Hood Sarah majored in Political Science, with minors in History and Sociology. While on campus, she served as a peer counselor, peer tutor, member of House Council, and the President of Students Against Driving Drunk. Sarah then attended the Ohio Northern University Claude W. Pettit School of Law, where she was active in the American Constitutional Society, worked as a peer advisor, and served as President of the Legal Association of Women. In 2005 she graduated from Ohio Northern with her Juris Doctor. She then began her career in legal advocacy as a law clerk at the Maryland Office of the Public Defender, before moving on to a position as a case handling Paralegal at Maryland Legal Aid in Cumberland. Sarah is still active in her community, working with various organizations and Boards in Allegany County. Ms. Parsons is very excited to be part of MCCR's Western Maryland Advisory Council as the furtherance of civil rights and working to better her community are both passions she enjoys.