

Charles Allen is the D.C. Councilmember for Ward 6. For over a decade, he has worked in Ward 6 neighborhoods, helping bring about school reforms, working with small businesses, and improving the community. He began his career in the District as a graduate fellow with the federal Department of Health and Human Services, working on expanding community-based health options across the country. He is Chair of the Council's Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, and is a member of the Council's Committees on Education, Transportation, and the Environment, and Business and Economic Development.

Kathryn Barton has been the Director of the Lexington County Community Juvenile Arbitration Office, 11th Judicial Circuit of South Carolina since 1990. Prior to this, she worked as a Child Protective Service Worker with DSS and was a Coordinator for the South Carolina Children's Foster Care Review Board. From 1997 through 2000, she served as the procedural and technical assistant, providing training and assistance for the setup of 13 Juvenile Arbitration Programs across the state. She holds a Bachelor's in political science from the University of South Carolina.

Dan Baxter is a Juvenile Probation Supervisor for King County Superior Court in Seattle, Wa. He graduated from Central Washington University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and law & justice. After graduating, he moved to Seattle and started work at the Juvenile Detention Center as a Juvenile Security Worker. Two years later was promoted to Juvenile Probation Counselor. Baxter has worked in numerous specialized positions including: Pre-Diagnostic, Intake, Supervision, Sex Offender Intake, and Low-Level Supervision.

David E. Brown served as deputy director of the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) from 2005 to 2010. One of his key responsibilities was to integrate workforce and youth development into the work of this juvenile corrections agency. Prior to joining DYRS, Brown served as executive director of the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC).

Stacey Bryant is the Arbitration and Restitution Specialist for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. In this capacity, she manages the Arbitration contracts with all 16 circuits throughout the state of South Carolina. She has been a Juvenile Arbitrator for the past 14 years with the 11th Judicial Circuit. She holds a B.A. in Sociology and a M.Ed. in Higher Education both from the University of South Carolina.

Sarah Bryer is the Executive Director of the National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN), which leads a movement of state-based advocacy organizations and individuals that all seek the fair treatment of youth in trouble with the law. She has been working to achieve a better U.S. justice system for 30 years. Prior to joining NJJN, she was the Director of Policy and Planning at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES). She received a B.A. with honors and distinction in Anthropology from Stanford University, and a Master's in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Hon. John Bull was appointed as a Municipal Court Judge for the City of San Antonio Municipal Court in 1999. He was appointed as Presiding Judge by the Mayor and City Council in May 2004. He establishes the work rules for the administration of the court and oversees the docketing of over 300,000 case filings annually. He also presides over the juvenile, truancy, and general arraignment dockets. He has served as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at St. Mary's University School of Law since 2001. Prior to his appointment to the San Antonio Municipal Court, Judge Bull was an attorney in private practice in San Antonio and throughout South Texas. Judge Bull attended St. Mary's University School of Law, earning his J.D. in May 1990. He earned a B.A. from Southern Methodist University in 1986.

Beyer Bullard is a member of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's Emerging Leaders Committee. She believes that everyone's gifts are important and people shouldn't be denied the opportunity to share their talents with the world because of choices they made as young people. She will be attending Northeastern University in the fall and plans to study Psychology.

Joyce Burrell has 30 years experience in the juvenile justice field and currently serves as a Performance-based Standards (PbS) Coach, assisting more than 40 sites through data collection and analysis. Burrell served as a principal researcher at the American Institutes for Research, where she directed the OJJDP State Training and Technical Assistance Center within the Human and Social Development Program. She has also previously served as principal researcher for the National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Children Who are Neglected or Delinquent and served as the juvenile justice senior advisor supporting grantees through the TA Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health. She served as the Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and directed the Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth.

Dr. Jeanette Adele Callahan is an Associate Instructor at Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), and a Clinical Associate in Pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass. She is a graduate of Harvard Medical School. In her capacity as Medical Director of the Justice Resource Institute's Northeast Health Service Unit located in the Department of Youth Services juvenile detention center in Middleton, Massachusetts, she supervises a team of Nurse Practitioners providing care for 13-21 year-old male youth. As a General Pediatrician at CHA, she provides primary care for the diverse international community in Cambridge, and the metro north with a special interest in Autism and Attention Deficit Disorder. In addition to her medical practice, Dr. Callahan is a community organizer and member of the executive and strategy team of The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization where she advocates for Affordable Homeownership, Healthcare, Public Education, and Criminal Justice Reform.

Luis Cardona is the Current Administrator for the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Positive Youth Development Program. Cardona has 28 years of experience as a Peacemaker, National and International Prevention and Intervention Public and Community Safety Specialist, Practitioner and Trainer of Healing Informed Practice working with the National Coalition of Barrios Unidos, the National Compadres Network, the Professional Community Intervention Training Institute and Casey Foundation, as well as the International Association of Police Chiefs. Cardona received his Bachelor's in political science from Howard University. Cardona formerly directed the University of the District of Columbia Institute for Public Safety and Justice Diversity and Awareness Sensitivity Program with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C.

Hernán Carvente Martínez is the National Youth Partnership Strategist for the Youth First Initiative. He manages the Youth First Youth Voices Network, which provides young emerging leaders with the training and tools to lead the fight against youth incarceration. Previously, he served as a Program Analyst for the Center on Youth Justice at the Vera Institute of Justice. Carvente has served on state-appointed boards including the New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group and the Citizens Policy and Complaint Review Council. He has also served as the National Youth Chair on the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's Executive Board, and as an advisor to the National Academies of Science and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. He is a first-generation Mexican-American and the first male in his family to graduate from college, earning a degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College.

Dion Chavis is an accomplished radio professional, author, and trainer who uses his voice to help guide the lives of today's youth, while also promoting the importance of responsible parenting and youth engagement. Chavis has made writing contributions to several online publications such as The Huffington Post, The Good Men Project, Fatherhood.gov, and more. As a speaker and trainer he has successfully delivered over 500 trainings and workshop

presentations in 10 different states during his career. As a community leader, he has worked to close the achievement gap by promoting a better understanding of Hip-Hop culture and increasing awareness about the importance of responsible fatherhood. Chavis is a dynamic speaker for parents, teachers, coaches, school administrators, and mentors.

Lael Chester is an attorney who has focused her career on juvenile, criminal and civil rights law and policy. After graduating from Barnard College and Harvard Law School, she was the Albert Martin Sacks Clinical Fellow at the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard, and then joined the Civil Rights Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. For 12 years, she served as Executive Director of Citizens for Juvenile Justice. She has received the Jay D. Blitzman Youth Advocacy Award for her extraordinary commitment to protecting the rights of juveniles (2004), the Women of Justice Award from the Women's Bar Association and Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly (2009), and the Embracing the Legacy award from the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps (2011). Chester is now a Senior Staff Associate at Columbia's Justice Lab, where she directs research projects on Emerging Adult Justice (ages 18 – 25).

William Codell serves as general counsel for the Department of Juvenile Justice in Kentucky. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and has completed the Youth in Custody Certificate Program through the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University. In his work with the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, Codell provides legal advice on a daily basis for all aspects of the Department's activities, including the operation of six regional juvenile detention centers for pre-adjudicated youth, seven youth development centers, nine group homes for post-adjudicated youth, and six day treatment programs. As an attorney, Codell appears at legislative committee meetings to advocate on behalf of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice.

Comm. Michael Coligan currently serves as the Commander of the School Safety Division for the District of Columbia. He oversees all School Resource Officers, and was promoted to the Commander of the School Safety Division in September 2018. During his 18-year career with the Metropolitan Police Department, Coligan has also served in a variety of assignments, including the First District as a Patrol Officer, the Third District as a Sergeant, the Seventh District as both a Lieutenant and Captain. Coligan holds a Bachelor's of Science with a double major of Political Science and Justice Studies from Frostburg State University. He has also completed the National School Resource Officer Supervisors and Management Course conducted by the National Association of School Resource Officers.

Stacie Nelson Colling is the Juvenile Defense Coordinator for the Colorado Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel. She has served on Colorado's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Governor's Advisory Council since 2015, and was elected Western Regional Chair of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice in 2016. She sits on the Advisory Board for the Colorado Juvenile Defender Center and Southwest Juvenile Defender Center's Access to Juvenile Justice: Rural and Tribal Southwest Project, funded by OJJDP. She is the co-author of "There is No Meaningful Opportunity in Meaningless Data: Why it is Unconstitutional to Use Life Expectancy Tables in Post-Graham Sentences" (UC Davis Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy, 2014). She graduated *cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center and clerked for the Hon. Ann O'Regan Keary of the D.C. Superior Court.

Kim Cordova graduated from the University of Utah Law School in 2001. Upon graduation, she began her career as a prosecutor with the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office. After eight years, she moved into private practice as a criminal defense attorney. She built a state and federal practice with her partner Ed Brass, maintaining that partnership for eight years. At the beginning of 2018, she became the Executive Director for the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. She was a member of the Ethics Committee for the Utah State Bar for six years and was

a commissioner for the Third District Judicial Nominating Commission for three years. She also serves on two non-profit organizations' Board of Trustees.

Dakota Crews is a mother of three children and is expecting her fourth. She is a proud, native Washingtonian and is now approaching completion of her Bachelor's degree in Administrative Justice. She is passionate about sharing her story, with practical feedback about what supported her, and what drove her toward more damaging choices, with the hope that individuals and systems will hear something that will help them better serve youth.

Dominique Davis is the Founder and CEO of Community Passageways where he works to improve racial parity in schools, prisons, and communities. He co-facilitates the King County Juvenile Justice Equity Steering Committee where he works with King County judges, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Office of Public Defense to address racial inequity in the justice system. He received the Northwest Justice Forum's 2017 Restorative Justice Award and was recently named one of the Most Influential Seattleites of 2017 by Seattle Magazine. He also enjoys being a football coach and personal trainer in the community.

Hon. John Dewese is a Magistrate Judge in South Carolina, where he also serves on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council. He is a long-standing member of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Executive Board, currently serving as Southern Region Chair and previously serving as National Chair.

Michelle A. Diaz is a Mentor Coordinator for the New York City (NYC) Department of Probation (DOP) in the Division of Juvenile Operations. She is a former Peer-Youth Advocate at the Case Management Program at the Office of Mental Health with Families on The Move (FOTM) of NYC, where she worked closely with youth struggling with mental health issues and behavior challenges. Gov. Andrew Cuomo appointed her to the New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (NYS JJAG). The Office of Children and Family Services (OFCS) commissioner, Sheila J. Poole also appointed her to the Office of the Ombudsman (OOTO) where she helps protect the legal rights of youth who reside at the NYS secure, non-secure and close to home placements. Diaz is also the National Youth Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC) Chair at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) and a consultant for Youth First Initiative. Her goal is to ensure that youth are treated fairly, avoid further contact with the justice system, and receive all the support and opportunities they need to be successful.

John Dixon currently serves as President and CEO of Bridges Healthcare in Milford, Ct. He has extensive experience working in juvenile justice, correctional and mental health settings over the course of his career and across three states. He has participated and led reform efforts in Connecticut, Maryland, and New York leading to data-driven systems that promote better outcomes for consumers. He has served as Superintendent at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, Deputy Director for the New York State Office of Mental Health, and Associate Commissioner for the New York City Administration for Children's Services prior to his current role as CEO. He has a Masters in Social Work from the University of Connecticut and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Michael Finley is the Chief of Strategy and Implementation with the W. Haywood Burns Institute. He has nearly two decades of experience working to reduce racial and ethnic disparities on a national policy level and in local jurisdictions across the country. He began his legal career as a Soros Justice Postgraduate Fellow with the Youth Law Center in Washington, D.C., a non-profit public interest law firm. Prior to joining the Youth Law Center in 1999, Finley served as the judicial clerk for the Hon. David B. Mitchell in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. He is a graduate of Morehouse College and George Washington University School of Law.

Laura Furr is the Program Manager for Justice Reform and Youth Engagement in the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families at the National League of Cities (NLC). Furr works to strengthen the capacity of cities to improve outcomes for youth, increase public safety, and direct scarce resources to effective programs. Prior to joining NLC, she was the Interim Executive Director and Senior Director of Youth Justice Initiatives at Community Law In Action, Inc., a non-profit that engages youth as active citizens, critical thinkers and advocates for positive change in Baltimore and throughout Maryland. She holds a Law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law and a B.A. from Washington College.

Dr. Christine Gerchow is the Team Lead for the Behavioral Health team at John A. Davis Juvenile Hall in Contra Costa County in California's San Francisco Bay Area. Her latest project is integrating mindfulness and meditation programming into the treatment programs. Outside of juvenile hall, she serves on Contra Costa County's Racial Justice Task Force and Trauma Collaborative.

Kim Godfrey is the first and founding Executive Director of Performance-based Standards (PbS), a nonprofit organization with a continuous improvement model implemented in over 200 facilities in 36 states to reform the conditions of confinement and quality of life. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention awarded PbS funding to develop national measurement standards for reentry services and programs and Godfrey serves as project director. She also served as a member of the MacArthur Foundation Models for Change National Resource Bank. Godfrey earned Master's degrees in journalism and criminal justice from Northeastern University.

Sarah Goff received her Bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology and her Master's degree in peace and conflict Studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In August 2018 she started working at Multnomah Education Service District as the Transition Specialist in Yamhill and Polk Counties in Oregon. In this role, she has developed relationships with community-based partners and worked with students and families to advocate for their needs at schools. She has worked to develop relationships with schools and families to ensure that all students reentering the community from detention are provided the free and appropriate education that they deserve.

Dr. Harriet Goodman received her PhD in social welfare from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She has served on the faculty at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in New York since 1990. Dr. Goodman developed programs for young adults on probation, including the SAFE-T Blue Group, a cognitive restricting intervention for high-risk youth. She serves as the academic partner for the Credible Messenger Justice Center, which is a community/agency/academic partnership that promotes previously justice-involved people working as credible messengers in their communities. Currently, she is leading a team of doctoral fellows and faculty members at the Graduate Center on Community Justice Collaboration research projects. She has served as the Executive Director of the Ph.D. Program in Social Welfare at the Graduate Center since 2012.

Sean Goode is a cause-driven leader who currently serves as the Executive Director of CHOOSE 180. Through this non-profit, he works to provide second chances to youth and young adults engaged in the justice system through participation in a workshop tailored to motivate participants to change. He has served the Greater Seattle area in a variety of capacities including gang intervention and prevention, juvenile chaplaincy, and educational advocacy.

Kelly Gorman is currently the Statewide Handle With Care Coordinator for the Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services Unit at the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in Maryland. She also serves as the Program Assistant for the Victim Services Unit. She works with jurisdictions throughout the State of Maryland to implement and sustain the Handle With Care Program. She also provides support to the Governor's Family Violence Council and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services along with the Children's Justice Act Committee. She previously

worked at the Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland in College Park as a Research Assistant. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Durell Green is a community advocate who began his youth-serving work as a volunteer for a faith-based gang intervention program called Partnering for Youth Achievement. It was here he first learned to leverage the credibility he gained from his previous involvement in the justice system and his ability to develop curriculum. As a result of his success, he was promoted from volunteer to Street Outreach Coordinator. This experience coupled with the notoriety he gained from his service on several statewide and local taskforces positioned him to grow his career in his current role of Outreach and Intake Specialist with CHOOSE 180.

Sameera Hafiz is the Immigrant Legal Resource Center's (ILRC) Senior Policy Strategist. She began working at the ILRC in 2017 and leads ILRC advocacy and engagement on federal immigration policy. She brings nearly two decades of experience supporting campaigns and coalitions focused on racial justice, fighting harsh immigration enforcement policies and ending violence against women. She earned her Law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center. She received her Bachelor's degree in English and sociology from the University of Pennsylvania. Hafiz is admitted to the bar in New York and Washington, D.C., and is fluent in Bengali.

Craig Hargrow has served the children and families of Tennessee as a licensed attorney for more than 21 years. As a private attorney, he served as defense counsel in delinquency matters, as well as a parent's attorney in child custody, child abuse, dependency/neglect and termination of parental rights cases. Upon leaving private practice, he worked as a trial and managing attorney for the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services (DCS) and later served in a judicial capacity as a Magistrate for the Juvenile Court of Montgomery County, Tennessee. Currently, he is an employee of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) where he advocates for children as the Director of the Tennessee Second Look Commission, TCCY's Director of the Juvenile Justice Division, and the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator for Tennessee. He also serves as the Coalition for Juvenile Justice National Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator.

Fay Hartje received her Bachelor's in psychology from Oregon State University and went on to study as a post-baccalaureate student at the University of Washington, where she focused on society, ethics, and human behavior. She worked for the University of Washington's Department of Psychiatry where she coordinated the beginning stages of a promising practice aimed towards enhancing the skill sets of community-based mentors to provide services to youth of color in a culturally appropriate manner called, "Community Passageways – Family Integrated Transitions (CP-FIT)." She is currently working as a victim advocate in Napa, Ca. while continuing her research work in the field of juvenile justice.

Keith Hedgepeth is a world class credible messenger. He was born on the South Side of Chicago and spent most of his youth in and out of juvenile facilities. As an adult, he resided in Cook County Jail on various drug and robbery related convictions. He became a crack cocaine addict and spent five years in various Illinois prisons. He turned his life around while in prison, describing his involvement in an effective treatment program where his skills were recognized, and became a senior coordinator of the treatment program. He moved to Washington State and began volunteering at Community Passageways where his compassion and effectiveness in engaging youth has had a profound positive impact on many youth and families he has mentored.

Beth Holger-Ambrose is the Executive Director at The Link in Minneapolis, Minn. She has over 15 years of experience in the field of youth homelessness and sex trafficking. Prior to joining The Link, she was the Homeless

Youth Services Coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Human Services and has worked in street outreach, emergency shelter and transitional living programs with runaway, homeless and trafficked youth in Minneapolis. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and Anthropology, a Public Affairs certificate, and a M.A. degree in Nonprofit Management and Administration, all from Hamline University.

Latoya S. Hogg is a PhD student at Howard University's School of Social Work. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler and received her Master of Social Work from Stephen F. Austin State University. Since beginning her career in child welfare in 2011, Hogg has worked in various capacities within foster care, and adoption (domestic and international). During her tenure in the child welfare field, Hogg worked with children and young adults across the state of Texas from birth to 21 years old. She also participated as a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of social work (MSW) Field Instructor for the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Jarvis Christian University, and her alma mater Stephen F. Austin State University.

Steve Hope is an Adjunct Professor at Miami Dade College School of Business and Virtual College. He has held several Senior Executive positions as Deputy CEO, CFO and Vice President of Finance and HR in the nonprofit sector, and brings over 20 years of management and leadership experience to his work. He currently serves as Treasurer/Finance Chair of the Board of the Children's Trust of Miami Dade County, and also serves on CJJ's Finance Committee. He was appointed in October of 2017 by Florida's Governor to serve on the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group. He holds a B.S.C. in management and an M.B.A. both from Nova Southeastern University, and is a SHRM-SCP certified human resource professional.

Cherice Hopkins is a Staff Attorney at Rights4Girls, a human rights organization committed to ending gender-based violence in the U.S. Her work includes policy reform, research, education and coalition building. Her focus is on identifying and addressing the root causes of problems that hinder gender and racial equity. Her prior experience includes the provision of consultation services to nonprofits and small businesses founded by women and people of color, in the areas of analysis, research and strategic planning. She received her J.D. from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and is a member of the Minnesota State Bar.

Caprice Hover has worked locally and nationally to support children and families who are struggling. She is currently the Executive Director of the United Way of Rutland County. She has been an Executive Director for family-centered agencies for the last 17 years. She is Board Chair for the Vermont State Housing Authority and an active Rotarian. She currently serves on CJJ's Finance Committee and as CJJ's Northeastern Regional Representative.

Mark Hutchinson has maintained a career in Human Services for over 40 years, working for a private non-profit Massachusetts-based agency, Justice Resource Institute (JRI). After starting in the juvenile justice field, he subsequently worked with a range of juvenile and adult populations and associated state agencies. His scope of experience includes directing the JRI Adult Forensic Mental Health Inpatient Program, the JRI Acute Psychiatric Program, the JRI clinical and rehabilitative services to the maximum security adult sex offender unit at Bridgewater State Hospital. He has also led the JRI Developing Abilities Division for cognitively impaired individuals, the Cresson, Pa. Secure Treatment Program for juvenile offenders, and the JRI Justice Division. Currently, as the JRI Division Director for Justice Programs, he oversees contracts for programmatic, clinical, and health services which Justice Resource Institute has with the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services.

Dr. Robin Jenkins has held national leadership roles with the Coalition of Juvenile Justice, the National Juvenile Justice Network's Executive Committee, and the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. Dr. Jenkins has

also been Chair of the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission, Juvenile Justice Planning Committee. A former Chief Deputy Secretary in the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and Deputy Director in the North Carolina Department of Public Safety-Division of Juvenile Justice, Dr. Jenkins co-lead large scale systems involving the full continuum of prevention, intervention and post-release juvenile justice resources.

Karen M. Kolivoski is an Assistant Professor in the Community, Administration, and Policy Practice concentration in the School of Social Work at Howard University and a Data Consultant for the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) at the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University. Her research interests include children and youth and their experiences and outcomes related to the child welfare, juvenile justice, and criminal justice systems. Her research has been published in *Children and Youth Services Review*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Social Work*, *Child and Youth Care Forum*, and she is co-author of a book chapter on crossover youth.

Clinton Lacey is Director of the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), D.C.'s cabinet-level juvenile justice agency. He is an experienced trainer, facilitator and keynote speaker on such issues as racial and ethnic disparity, transitional discharge planning, comprehensive re-entry services, gang intervention strategies and overall youth and human development. He has conducted training workshops and delivered lectures around the country, as well as in Brazil and Barbados. He has a B.A. in Latin American and Caribbean History from Herbert H. Lehman College and is a graduate of the Institute for Not-for-Profit Management at Columbia University.

Brock Landwehr has over 20 years of experience working with youth and families. He currently serves as the Kansas State Juvenile Justice (JJ) Specialist and Chair of CJJ's Government Relations Committee. He previously served as Kansas's first DMC Coordinator from 2004-2008. During his tenure as JJ Specialist, extensive progress has been made in refocusing the efforts of the Kansas State Advisory Group (KAG), and improving relations between the Governor's office and the KAG. He resides in Lawrence, Ks., with his wife Aimee and their five children.

Arielle Lane is a committed youth advocate. As a child, her mother would tell her she was the "Bully of the Bullies" and since then she has continued to speak up for those who couldn't speak for themselves. It is because of this she commits her time as a volunteer with CHOOSE 180 and through her roles as a speaker and facilitator serves youth and young adults by encouraging them in their power of choice. In addition to her passion for CHOOSE 180, she also obtained a Bachelor's degree in youth development. For her, serving youth is not just a thing to do, but it is who she is.

Nindy Le was appointed to Utah's State Advisory Group as a youth member in 2012. In 2018 she was appointed by the governor to serve as the youth representative on the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee under the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. In this role she assists with the oversight and implementation of sweeping legislative changes to the juvenile justice system. Her experience, perspective, and knowledge from a personal standpoint and as a mentor to young people who are currently or have been impacted by the system is invaluable in helping others understand the challenges of being caught in the system. Le is also a member of Utah's Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee and Chair of Utah's Do the Write Thing (DtWT) Committee sponsored by the National Campaign to Stop Youth Violence. Le received her Associate's degree in Sociology from Salt Lake Community College in 2015 and her Bachelor's in Psychology with a certificate in Criminology from the University of Utah in 2018. She currently serves as a youth mentor at a residential treatment facility in Utah.

Tim Logan is the Agency Administrator for SoValTi, a batterer intervention counseling program for African-American/Biracial men and women. Logan has nearly 30 years of experience managing, facilitating, and counseling group sessions with youth and adults. His experience includes extensive work in the public education and social justice systems. He is a longtime member of the Albina Head Start Board of Directors. Logan's areas of expertise are: training and development, domestic violence batterer intervention, school advocacy for gang involved youth, dropout prevention and reentry, strategic planning, organizational management, cultural competence, and equity.

Jenny Lutz is a Staff Attorney at the Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP). She leads CCLP's national work to end the practice of solitary confinement for youth across the country through technical assistance, administrative and legislative advocacy, training, and public education. Since joining CCLP, she has worked with officials and advocates in over 16 states, cities, and counties. From 2005-2015, she was an attorney for the Defender Association of Philadelphia. She engaged court and community stakeholders on policy issues to improve outcomes for indigent children in Pennsylvania, represented youth on serious charges, and trained attorneys, probation officers, and law enforcement. She is a graduate of Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law.

Rachel Marshall joined the Campaign for Youth Justice in 2017 after a year serving as Law Clerk to the Honorable Julie H. Becker at the D.C. Superior Court. Prior to her clerkship, she spent nearly five years at the ACLU Washington Legislative Office, first as a Legislative Assistant, then as a Legislative Policy Associate. Marshall received her Bachelor of Science from Ball State University in political science. She received her law degree from American University's Washington College of Law, where she was the Publications Editor for the *Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law*.

Jocelyn Mati is a Samoan, San Francisco native, and community organizer for the Young Women's Freedom Center in San Francisco, Ca. She is here to speak and advocate for her own liberation and to liberate others.

Roxana Matiella is the Senior Site Manager with the W. Haywood Burns Institute. She brings approximately 25 years of experience working with child welfare, mental health, youth, and adult justice systems. She has dedicated the past 10 years working exclusively within social justice reform. Her diverse experience and knowledge with crucial system partners bring insight and strategies, enhancing the mission of the W. Haywood Burns Institute. She previously worked for the Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP) as the Director of Alternatives to Incarceration. She assisted in leading the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative work in 17 states and 52 counties with intentionality toward measurable outcomes. She earned a Master of Management in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and is currently completing her dissertation for the program of Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership. She brings a level of passion and commitment to being part of the solution in the pursuit of eliminating racial and ethnic disparities.

Hon. Michael J. Mayer is a Minnesota First Judicial District Judge for Dakota County, Min. He was appointed to this position in June 2004. He began his legal career in 1985 as a private practice lawyer. He worked in this capacity until joining the District Court. During this time, he also served as a Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Burnsville from 1986 to 2004 and for the City of Eagan from 1989 to 2004. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Mary's University in 1981 and his Juris Doctor from the Hamline University School of Law in 1985.

Dr. Sefanit Mekuria completed a residency in Pediatrics at Kaiser Oakland in 2015 and a residency in Preventive Medicine through the California Department of Public Health in 2018. Through her pediatric residency she finished a MPH at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Mekuria has taken part in research and projects pertaining to

homeless services data, food access, health equity, pediatric obesity, youth engaged in the juvenile justice system, and foster youth. She is currently working in Contra Costa Health Services as a School-Based Provider who also oversees the work and programs in the Public Health School Based Clinics and works as provider within Contra Costa Juvenile Hall.

Alezandra Melendrez is a Mexican American critical educator, community-based scholar, and professor who was born and raised in Chula Vista, with ancestral roots in Baja California and New Mexico. She spent the last 15 years working and learning alongside youth of color in Harlem, the Bronx, and the Bay Area. As Research Director, she focuses on collaborating with an intergenerational team to carry out participatory and decolonizing research that centers the voice of formerly incarcerated and system involved cisgender and transgender women.

Marcy Mistrett is the CEO of the Campaign for Youth Justice and began her work in juvenile justice as a social worker for several community-based legal aid offices in Chicago. She then became an organizer in local reform efforts in Washington, D.C. where she was appointed to join the D.C. Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. She has also worked on the national level, providing technical assistance and evaluation support to communities working to prevent violence for the Institute for Community Peace.

Natasha Moore first began serving her community as an Outreach Worker where she worked diligently to engage youth involved in gangs, violence, and the justice system for five years. Understanding the power of her story as a formerly justice involved youth, she developed a reputation for not only building relationships with some of the most difficult to serve young people, but also connecting them with services to help them live a transformed life. It was this experience that perfectly positioned her to take on the role of Program Manager with CHOOSE 180 in May of 2018.

Airto Morales is a Site Manager at the W. Haywood Burns Institute. His Social/Criminal Justice career sprung from a critical consciousness that arose from a firsthand narrative of having spent over a decade of his own life navigating California's penal system. Formal and informal education was a definite catalyst to understanding the collateral consequences of incarceration and how to successfully navigate a system that has truly devoured people of color over the last 40 years. After being released on parole he received his BA and MA and ultimately lectured in the Counseling and Criminal Justice Departments for several years at San Francisco State University. He also went back into the system and taught within the San Francisco County Jail and Juvenile facilities for many years.

Meghan Mulvenna has served in the fields of family support, special education, and behavior analysis for 25 years. Her current role as Behavior Specialist in Washington, D.C., allows her to blend all three of these areas, through focused collaboration with educators, family members and law enforcement, to ensure all students are receiving appropriate education, especially those identified with exceptional needs. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Special Education and a Master's degree.

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Pastor Edward L. Palmer, Sr. is Co-Pastor with his wife Elizabeth (Angie) Palmer, for The Sign of The Dove Church International located in Radcliff, Ky. He was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award presented by Governor Matt Bevin and the Courage for Kids Award presented by Kentucky Youth Advocates. He is a four term Radcliff City Councilman. He is on the CJJ Executive Board, serving as National Vice Chair. He has been appointed as a committee member of the State Inner-Agency Council. He is Chair for the Kentucky Subcommittee on Equity and Justice for All Youth, as well as a member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. He is a Diversity Trainer certified through Diversity Training University International in California. He operates with undeniable vision and unyielding passion for the purposeful course on which God has set him.

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Timmeka Perkins has served as the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Juvenile/Victim Assistance Program Director since 2016. She is also the County's Handle With Care Coordinator. Prior to 2016 she was a tireless advocate in both the public and non-profit sectors of the fields of domestic violence and child welfare. She graduated with her B.A. in counseling in 2012 with a focus on criminal justice and psychology. Perkins received the University's Woman of the Year award for her research on best practices in the implementation of Batterer Intervention Programs and efforts to bring Bystander Intervention programs to campus.

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Mary Rumbaugh is the Director of Clackamas County Behavioral Health, a division of the Georgia Department of Health, Housing, and Human Services. She has a Bachelor degree in social work and has been with Clackamas County for 18 years in various positions. She has held the Director position since December 2015. She brings forth a strong belief in the value of partnerships. She believes in a “lean in” approach when there are difficult system challenges and encourages the system partners to design system change through the lens of the individuals we collectively serve.

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Bob Sheil graduated from Union College and Vermont Law School. He began his legal career as a Deputy State’s Attorney in Washington County, Vt, then spent six years in private practice specializing in juvenile and criminal law. For the following 28 years, he was employed as the supervising attorney in the office of the Juvenile Defender. He has served on several non-profit boards including the Policy Council for his local Head Start program, the Washington County Youth Service Bureau and Voices for Vermont’s Children, a statewide advocacy organization for Vermont youth and their families. He also served on several state and national committees and councils and remains a member of the Children and Families Council for Prevention Programs, a governor appointed council. He is the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Northeast Region Chair.

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Tara Simpson has worked for New York City Children's services for 12 years. She started working as a Child Protective Specialist investigating abuse and neglect to ensure the safety and well-being of the children of NYC. In 2016, she transitioned to working with the Division of Youth and Family Justice's (DYFJ) Close to Home Program as a Child and Family Specialist and then Director of Conferencing. In 2016, she served as DYFJ's point person in helping to implement a Risk, Needs, and Responsibility framework with the purpose of improving outcomes for youths. Currently, she is the Executive Director of Conferencing and Coordination. She holds a BA from Russell Sage College and a Masters of social work from Yeshiva University- Wurzeiler School of Social Work.

Valerie Slater leads the RISE for Youth Coalition and advocates for the rights of system involved youth. Previously Valerie was a Juvenile Justice Attorney with Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC) and coordinated RISE efforts while it was housed in the JustChildren Program of LAJC. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Richmond School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts from Colorado State University. She has dedicated her life's work to advocacy in its many forms to preserve and protect our most valuable resource, our youth. She brings to the RISE team an unwavering commitment to strengthening youth and communities to lead the efforts to realize their visions for change.

Naomi Smoot serves as the Executive Director of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. During her tenure at CJJ, she has spearheaded the organization's federal policy work and served as co-chair of the Act4JJ Coalition. She has assisted State Advisory Groups in their pursuit to build capacity as change agents, and worked with youth members in an attempt to improve relationships between law enforcement and the communities in which they work. Prior to CJJ, she represented young people in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia in juvenile court proceedings and special education matters. Before attending law school, she worked as a print journalist for nearly a decade, amassing nearly a dozen awards for her news coverage.

Rep. Lowry Snow obtained his undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University and his Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University. He is a practicing attorney in St. George, Utah. In 2012 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Utah House of Representatives. He currently serves as Chair of the House Education Standing Committee and he is

also a member of the House Judiciary Standing Committee. He has sponsored a number of bills dealing with Juvenile Justice including comprehensive reform in 2017 known as HB 239. In 2016, he sponsored legislation doing away with life without possibility of parole sentences for youth offenders. Both bills passed with broad bi-partisan support. He currently serves as Chair of Utah's Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee.

Dr. Shameka Stanford is an Assistant Professor in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department at Howard University. She specializes in Juvenile Forensic Speech-Language Pathology and the impact/confluence of cognitive and communicative disorders (CCD) on academic success and status offense charges in youth at-risk for delinquency. Her training addresses the knowledge and awareness of CCD and its impact on academic success and the school-to-confinement pipeline. Dr. Stanford also addresses the training and awareness of CCD in School Resource Officers and law enforcement. She has more than 10 years of clinical experience working with youth of color in group homes, public schools, charter schools, and alternative schools.

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Hon. Steven Teske is the Chief Judge of the Juvenile Court of Clayton County, Ga., and serves regularly as a Superior Court Judge by designation. He earned his Bachelor's, Master's, and Juris Doctor from Georgia State University. He was a Chief Parole Officer in Atlanta, Deputy Director of Field Services of the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles, and a trial attorney in the law firm of Boswell & Teske LLP. He also served as a Special Assistant Attorney General, prosecuting child abuse and neglect cases and representing state employees and agencies in federal and state court cases. He is a past president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges and has been appointed by the Governor to the Children & Youth Coordinating Council, Department of Juvenile Justice Judicial Advisory Council, Commission on Family Violence, and the Governor's Office for Children and Families. He currently serves as the Coalition for Juvenile Justice National Chair.

Lt. Steven Thomas has been in law enforcement since 1992, when he began his career with the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office. He spent the last 21 years with the Anne Arundel County Police Department. He received a Bachelor's in Political Science and Sociology from U.M.B.C and a Master's in Legal & Ethical Studies from the University of Baltimore. In January 2014 he was tasked with starting police Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Peer Support Teams. Lt. Thomas is the Anne Arundel County CIT Law Enforcement Coordinator and the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team Coordinator. He is an approved ICISF Instructor and a Youth & Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

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Pamela Vickrey is the Executive Director of Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys. She serves as Vice Chair of the Utah Sentencing Commission, Chair of the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee for the Utah Sentencing Commission, Chair of the Utah's State Advisory Group, and the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice. She served as a member of the Juvenile Justice Working Group to address juvenile justice policy reforms and currently serves on the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee overseeing the implementation of the reforms. Vickrey was a key-player in the creation of Utah's juvenile mental health court, Utah's juvenile competency statute, and a pilot project to end indiscriminate shackling. Most recently, she worked as part of a team on the passage of legislation to end juvenile life without parole for youth transferred to the adult system. As the only certified Juvenile Training Immersion Program (J-TIP) trainer in Utah, she attends, participates in, and provides training to juvenile defense attorneys across the state.

Tracey Wells-Huggins is a registered nurse with over 20 years of experience in both health services and youth and family services. She is the Associate Director of Justice for Families in New Jersey and the Founder of Renewed Minds, an organization that works to support families with loved ones who are currently incarcerated in New Jersey. She also serves as the Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Chair on CJJ's Executive Board, and is the Vice Chair of the NJ State Advisory Group.

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Jessica Wheeler is currently the Chief of Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services at the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in Maryland. She serves as the Juvenile Justice Specialist and leads the State's juvenile justice strategic planning efforts through the State Advisory Group. Additionally, she leads the Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services Unit which is responsible for implementing a comprehensive approach to funding, strategic planning, and best practices for youth throughout the State. She also serves as the State's Children's Justice Act Coordinator and ensures compliance with the Children's Justice Act under the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Maryland at College Park and a Masters degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology with a specialization in Victim Services from the University of Baltimore. She serves on the CJJ Executive Board as National Juvenile Justice Specialist.