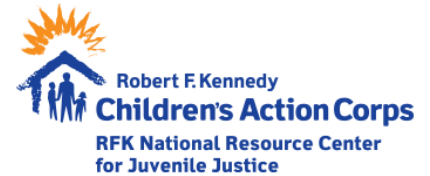


Dual Status Youth Symposium: *Working Together for Our Youth*



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Tuesday, April 5 – Opening Plenary

DeAngelo Cortijo

Youth Representative, National Center for Youth Law

Deangelo Cortijo is a youth representative at the National Center for Youth Law. Formerly he served as the representative of California State Assembly member, Tony Thurmond, District 15. He was appointed to represent the cities of Berkeley and Albany. As one of the youngest representatives in the state assembly Deangelo realized that although work was great school comes first. He needed to finish his education and resigned to find part time-work and complete his undergraduate degree. Prior Mr. Cortijo worked at NCYL as a juvenile justice advocate engaged in research on juvenile justice best practices and advocating for alternatives to incarcerating children. Deangelo earned his Diploma in Paralegal studies from Black Stone Career Institute in 2014. DeAngelo is originally from San Francisco's Mission District. At age two, he entered the dependency system. By age 21, DeAngelo had served seven years in the juvenile justice system, including three years in California's Department of Juvenile Justice. DeAngelo obtained his GED and held leadership and advocacy positions while in the juvenile justice system. Since his release, DeAngelo has used his experiences not only turn to his life around, but also to become an advocate for vulnerable youth. In 2014 he served as a Board Member for San Francisco's City-Wide Transitional-aged Advisory Board where he advised on budget expenditures, local policy, and programs. DeAngelo plans to transfer to U.C. Berkeley in the fall of 2017. Ultimately, he wants to attend law school and become a champion for vulnerable youth and advocate for reforms that treat children in trouble with the law fairly and appropriately for their age and level of culpability.

Laurie Garduque, PhD

Director, Justice Reform Program, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Laurie joined the Foundation in 1991 after serving as Director of the National Forum on the Future of Children and Families, a joint project of the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine. From 1984 to 1987, she was the Director of Governmental and Professional Liaison for the American Educational Research Association in Washington, D.C. This position followed the year she spent, from 1983 to 1984, as a Congressional Science Fellow in the U.S. Senate. From 1980 to 1985, Garduque held a faculty position as an Assistant Professor in Human Development at the Pennsylvania State University. Garduque previously served on the boards of the American Psychiatric Association Foundation, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy, Grantmakers for Children Youth and Families, the Youth Transition Funders Group Juvenile Justice Working Group, and on the federal Center for Mental Health Services National Advisory Council, under Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. She currently serves on the Federal Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. She received her bachelor's degree in Psychology and her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Chief Justice Amy L. Nechtem

Massachusetts Administrative Office of the Juvenile Court

The Honorable Amy L. Nechtem is the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Juvenile Court. Chief Justice Nechtem served as an associate justice for thirteen years prior to her appointment in July 2014. As Chief Justice, she oversees judges and court staff in Massachusetts and the administration and management of policy and practice effecting the juvenile courts throughout the Commonwealth. Chief Justice Nechtem is the Past President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), the country's leading voice for women jurists committed to diversity and equality in the system of justice. She was recently awarded the Justice Joan Dempsey Klein Award which is given each year to honor a judge who brings distinction to their office and exemplifies the goals of NAWJ. Chief Justice Nechtem has served on the NAWJ Board of Directors for over ten years, and currently serves as the national Chair of the Juvenile Justice/Child Welfare Committee. Her work actively continues on national committees addressing issues of human trafficking, women rights in prison, juvenile justice focusing on equality for girls in detention, strategic planning for NAWJ and immigration challenges effecting youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice system. Chief Justice Nechtem is a recipient of the Massachusetts Judges Conference Judicial Excellence Award. She was also awarded the Outstanding Community Service Award from her alma mater, Simmons College, for her lifelong public service and commitment to women, children and her devotion to issues affecting the fair and equal access to justice in our courts. Chief Justice Nechtem served as a Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney for many years prosecuting child abuse and major felony cases. She participates in outreach programs designed to encourage and support girls in the community, and to promote positive youth development. She is a graduate of Simmons College and graduated with honors from Suffolk University Law School.

Tuesday, April 5 – Lunch Plenary**Keith R. Cruise, PhD**

Associate Professor, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Department of Psychology, Fordham University; Associate, National Youth Screening & Assessment Partners

Keith R. Cruise is an Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Clinical-Forensic Specialization in the Department of Psychology at Fordham University. He holds a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of North Texas and a Masters of Legal Studies degree from the University of Nebraska. Dr. Cruise conducts research on the clinical-forensic assessment of youth within the juvenile justice system. Various research projects have focused on developing and validating specialized risk assessment protocols, investigating the utility of mental health screening instruments with justice-involved youth, and understanding the connection between trauma exposure and delinquent behavior. Dr. Cruise's clinical-forensic practice has involved providing direct care assessment and treatment services with justice-involved youth conducting post-disposition assessments of risk and treatment amenability, providing expert testimony to juvenile courts, and providing technical assistance and consultation to local and state juvenile justice systems in implementing trauma-informed screening and assessment practices. Dr. Cruise is a co-investigator on a grant from the National Institute of Justice to examine the effectiveness of enhanced mental health screening for poly-victimization in justice-involved youth and is a core faculty member of the Center for Trauma Recovery and Juvenile Justice, a technical assistance center that is part of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN).

Gene Siegel, MA

Consultant, GCS Consulting, LLC

Gene Siegel has been a private consultant since 1991. He has gained a strong national reputation working with a wide range of public and private organizations involved in juvenile justice, child welfare, law enforcement, mental health, and substance abuse treatment, for almost 25 years. In 2014, Gene became the lead data consultant for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice. Since 2013, Gene has also served as a consultant for the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps' Dual Status Practice Network and Probation System Review Practice Network projects. As project consultant, Gene is helping the network and initiative sites improve their data, identify performance indicators and outcomes measures, and develop appropriate automated data system options for collecting and tracking data. Gene is also the author of two articles for the RFK practices networks that present a suggested framework for planning and prioritizing dual status youth and probation data. For many years, Gene served as a senior research consultant for the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ). He provided field research and technical assistance to juvenile courts and other agencies/organizations involved in child welfare and/or juvenile justice in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington State, and Wyoming. From 2005-2014, Gene was NCJJ's lead site liaison in Louisiana and Washington State for the MacArthur Foundation's *Models for Change* juvenile justice reform initiative. Gene has also been a key participant and/or author of a number of nationally recognized research projects, system reform efforts, and professional publications. Specifically, and most recently (January 2016), Gene was a member of the team that studied the possible impacts of raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction in Louisiana (see *A Legislated Study of Raising the Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction in Louisiana*). Other recent efforts have resulted in the following research monographs: *When Systems Collaborate: How three jurisdictions improved their handling of dual status cases (co-authored with colleagues at NCJJ)*; *Promising Practices in the Diversion of Juvenile Domestic Violence Cases (co-authored with Gregg Halemba)*; and, *Becoming a Data-Driven Juvenile Justice Organization: The Calcasieu Parish Experience*. In 2011, Gene co-authored (also with Gregg Halemba) the landmark study of the prevalence of dual system youth in King County (Seattle, WA) entitled *Doorways to Delinquency*. This study contributed to important changes in the ways the juvenile court, child welfare, and other partner agencies handle dual system/dual status youth. Before his work for the *Models for Change* initiative, Gene was the project director for the *Arizona Dual Jurisdiction Youth Study*, which added to the growing body of research that documents the detrimental effects that prior child maltreatment and dual system involvement have on young people. Gene was also the primary author of the OJJDP Special Project Bulletin entitled *When Systems Collide: Improving Court Practices and Programs in Dual Jurisdiction Cases*, which represented the first attempt to identify how juvenile courts can improve practices with regards to youth who have overlapping involvement in the court's delinquency and dependency systems.

Wednesday, April 6 – Town Hall Plenary: Engaging Leadership**Commissioner Peter Forbes**

Massachusetts Department of Youth Services

Peter Forbes was appointed Commissioner for the Department of Youth Services (DYS) in June 2013. Commissioner Forbes, a 30-year DYS employee, has an extensive history in human services, public administration and adolescent development. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner Forbes served as the Department's Deputy Commissioner where he managed field operations as well as ensured quality residential programming, community transition and supervision critical to the effective daily operation of the Department. Commissioner Forbes' long-standing commitment with DYS began in 1983 when he was first hired as a direct care worker at a long term secure treatment program in Boston. Forbes grew his professional career with the Department and held numerous direct-care and managerial roles with DYS as a Shift Supervisor, Caseworker, District Manager, Regional Director, and later as Assistant Commissioner of Operations. As the Regional Director in Boston for more than a decade, Forbes established a series of constructive relationships with public agency and community based partners that improved the services

and outcomes for DYS youth. Forbes served as the Department's Assistant Commissioner of Operations for seven years. In this capacity he supervised field-based operations, and introduced and implemented policy and practices changes including providing oversight to ensure that the DYS residential continuum is safe for both youth and staff. Commissioner Forbes was also instrumental in the design and implementation of a structured community reentry model for DYS youth returning to their home communities. Commissioner Forbes is committed to sustaining efforts that ensure low-risk youth do not penetrate the deep end of the juvenile justice system and that youth in custody receive appropriate services where and when they need them. Forbes holds a Master of Science in Human Services from the University of Massachusetts, Boston and an undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

Lisa Jacobs (Moderator)

Loyola University Chicago, School of Law; Independent Consultant, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Lisa Jacobs, Independent Consultant with the RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, is an attorney with an extensive background in court and judicial administration as well as criminal justice, juvenile justice and human services policy and practice issues. She also currently directs the Illinois Models for Change Initiative, which is funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and managed by Loyola University School of Law. In this capacity, Ms. Jacobs works with state and local justice system practitioners, advocates and policy-makers to implement positive policy and practice changes in the Illinois justice system. Prior to joining the Models for Change Initiative, Ms. Jacobs was Director of Judicial Education for the Illinois Supreme Court with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. There, she worked closely with the Supreme Court's Committee on Judicial Education and judges from across the state to implement judicial education policy and programs on a wide variety of legal topics ranging from death penalty matters to complex civil litigation. During her tenure with the AOIC, she assisted in implementing the Supreme Court's Evidence-Based Practice initiatives in criminal and juvenile cases. Ms. Jacobs has also served as the state's Juvenile Justice Specialist, with the Illinois Department of Human Services, and in executive positions with the Circuit Court of Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge. Ms. Jacobs is Vice Chair of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission which oversees the state's federal juvenile justice funding and prepares analysis and policy recommendations for the Governor, General Assembly and other state and local policy makers. Ms. Jacobs also served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Board and chaired the ICJIA Planning and Research Committee.

Melissa Blom, MSW

Children Youth & Family Division Manager, Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services

Melissa Blom is the Division Manager at Children Youth and Families, Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services. Melissa has 27 years' experience in public child welfare, as a direct practitioner and over the last 11 years in administration. She presently serves as the Manager of Outagamie County's Children Youth and Families Division ensuring quality delivery of child protective services to children and families in the 6th largest county in Wisconsin. She has experience as a trainer for the New Partnership of Children and Families, the institution dedicated to training standards of practice in child welfare in Wisconsin and has taught at UW-Oshkosh in the graduate Social Work program. Melissa was instrumental in bringing an organizational improvement model to her team through the help of American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) and is one of few counties in the State that actually utilizes peer mentors to effectuate change in the Division. In the spring of 2012 Outagamie County was selected as one of four sites nationally to be involved in the Models for Change Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps System's Integration work on Dual Status Youth. Over the last two years, in partnership with the Division Manager for Youth and Family Services at Outagamie County, she has focused on developing improved practices for youth being served in both divisions. Of special note is the protocol the two divisions developed in response to intra-familial sexual abuse that highlights the intense

need for joint assessment and safety planning for the victim, offender, family and community and the recent addition of dual court for families being served in both divisions. It is with great enthusiasm that she accepted the invitation to be involved in the newly formed RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Dual Status Youth Practice Network.

Honorable Geoffrey Gaither

Magistrate, Juvenile Division, Marion County Superior Court

The Honorable Geoffrey A. Gaither is presently the senior Magistrate at the Marion County Juvenile Court. He has served there since 1995. His jurisdiction includes delinquencies, child welfare issues, paternities, guardianships, adoption related matters, child support and custody cases. Judge Gaither has served as an adjunct professor at IUPUI and Martin University. He is a guest lecturer at many workshops, college courses, providing radio and TV interviews. Judge Gaither frequently gives of himself to participate as youth mentor, motivational speaker and offering expert opinions on issues involving juvenile and family law. He has been recognized many times for his community service and dedication to children and families. Judge Gaither hosted the 100 Black Men Beautillion Militaire 'Know Your Legal Rights' session and moderated many public discussions on community issues, race and legal rights. He created the public forum "Is Indianapolis another Ferguson?," and developed The Young Women's Empowerment Conference benefiting young women on probation or otherwise involved in the Juvenile Justice System. Judge Gaither was born and raised in Indianapolis, IN. He is a proud public school graduate and is an honors graduate from Howard University School of Law where he was an editor and published author on the Howard Law Journal. Upon graduation from law school, he clerked for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and has worked as a Deputy Prosecutor, Deputy Public Defender and in private practice. Judge Gaither is married to Attorney KiKi Gaither, former co-host of 'Legally Speaking' and together they have 3 children, Jordan, Taylor and Austin. They are members of Covenant Community Church.

Laura Garnette

Chief Probation Officer, County of Santa Clara

Laura Garnette is the Chief Probation Officer for the Santa Clara County, CA Probation Department. In this role, she has had the pleasure of collaboratively enhancing, creating and implementing system changes including: creation of an educational/therapeutic day treatment program and implementation of family centered, in home Wraparound services as alternatives to detention; enhanced robust re-entry services for youth exiting secure care; served as a team lead to create one of two model sights in the country to competently serve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth in the juvenile justice system; increased the competency of local providers to appropriately serve youth and families of different races, ethnicities and socio-economic status; developed and implemented best practices for youth involved with both child welfare and juvenile justice and applies evidence based practices to all areas of service delivery. Ms. Garnette previously served as the director of Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Hall and Adult Probation in Santa Cruz County, California where she was central in moving Santa Cruz County to a national model for the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, (JDAI). Ms. Garnette serves as a national consultant and trainer on issues ranging from expedited court processes, risk based detention strategies, jail population reduction tools, strength-based family focused service delivery and serving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth in the juvenile justice system. She has extensive experience in program development, implementation and evaluation and has authored and implemented many successful grants through state, federal and private funders. She has published articles in peer journals and co-authored a chapter in a graduate school textbook. Ms. Garnette received her BA in Psychology from the University of California Santa Cruz, and her Masters Degree in Public Administration from San Jose State University.

Honorable Douglas F. Johnson

Judge, Douglas County Juvenile Court

Judge Douglas F. Johnson is a 1987 Creighton University School of Law graduate. He was appointed to the Separate Juvenile Court of Douglas County, Nebraska in 1993. He is an adjunct professor of law at Creighton University School of Law, teaching Juvenile Law since 1995. He is the Past President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and is a long time member of its teaching faculty. Judge Johnson provides training on the Resource and Permanency Planning Guidelines, the Adoption and Safe Families Act, Evidence, Judicial Ethics and Leadership, Court Collaboration, the Prehearing Conference, Reasonable Efforts for Infants and Toddlers, Helping Babies from the Bench, and other topics. He is the founding Lead Judge of the NCJFCJ's Child Victims Model Court in Omaha. He has written numerous articles for the CASA Judges' Page Newsletter since its inception in 2003, NCJFCS's Today Magazine, and authored Chapter 14, Zero to Three Family Drug Treatment Court, in *Clinical Work with Traumatized Children*, Ed. Joy D. Osofsky (2011). Judge Johnson is the President-Elect of the Omaha Bar Association. He is Co-Chair of the Nebraska Supreme Court's Commission on Children in the Courts and a member of the Governor's Commission on Protection of Children. He is a Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow. He co-chairs the Youth Impact! of Douglas County, Nebraska. He is on the Judicial Branch Education Advisory Board and the Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee. He serves on numerous national, regional and local commissions, committees, and Boards. He was the recipient for the State of Nebraska of the Commissioner's Award from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families in 2012. He also received the Omaha Bar Association Robert M. Spire Public Service Award in 2010, the Creighton University 2010 School of Law Alumni Merit Award, is a 2008 Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow, is a 2005-2007 Zero to Three's Leaders for the 21st Century Fellow, received The Child Saving Institute A.W. Clark Award in 2005, the Metropolitan Child Abuse Coalition Award for Individual Non-Member for Efforts on Behalf of Children in the State of Nebraska in 2004, and the Nebraska Supreme Court Award of Distinguished Judge for Service to the Community in 2001. Judge Johnson's greatest delights are his wife, Mary, and daughters Anne and Kathleen, and faithful dog Finnegan. Finnegan and Judge Johnson are a therapy team.

Honorable Willie J. Lovett, Jr.

Judge, Fulton County Juvenile Court

On May 21, 2013, Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. began serving as a Juvenile Court Judge for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit in Fulton County, Georgia. Judge Lovett presides over all juvenile matters originating in Fulton County. Judge Lovett also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, where he teaches Juvenile Law and Georgia Practice and Procedure. In 2012, Judge Lovett became certified by the American Bar Association and the National Association of Counsel for Children as a Child Welfare Law Specialist ("CWLS"). Judge Lovett serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counsel for Children, the Board of Directors of the Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section, the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Bar Association Judicial Section, and the Judicial Advisory Council of the National Juvenile Defender Center. Judge Lovett is a member of the American Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Counsel for Children, the National Bar Association and is a Past-President of the Gate City Bar Association. Judge Lovett serves on the Leadership Team of Impact United Methodist Church and previously served as Impact's Treasurer. In 1985, Judge Lovett earned his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, cum laude with Distinction in the major from Yale University, where he received the 1985 Roosevelt Thompson Prize for commitment to public service. In 1988, Judge Lovett earned his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, and in 1991, he earned his Master of Laws in Litigation from Emory Law School. Judge Lovett received the 2015 R. Pruden Herndon Service Award from the Gate City Bar Association and the 2009 A. T. Walden Outstanding Attorney Award from the Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section. Judge Lovett is a native of Savannah, Georgia, currently resides in Fairburn, Georgia and is married to Seletha R. Butler, Esq.

Wednesday, April 6 – Closing Luncheon

Margaret Samuel

Youth Speaker & Advocate

Margaret Kiden Samuel, Youth Advocate, Poet and Visual Artist. Born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon, she was the only girl of her parent's seven children. At a young age, Margaret and her family migrated to United States to escape political unrest in the region. Upon settling in America, they struggled adjusting to their new home and environment. With growing troubles such as abuse and reoccurring instability, Margaret inevitably gravitated to a life of deviance and crime. Margaret's resilience, resistance and determination in overcoming trauma and the limitations of poverty, planted within her a seed of activism. Her past involvement and knowledge of the court system has now led her to a path of Youth Advocacy. In recent and previous years Margaret has engaged in public speaking in efforts to promote a positive life path to young adults. In 2011 she was elected valedictorian for her high school graduation and was later invited to give an address for a Women's Day Celebration at Foundations Probation House. Margaret periodically visits the facility to sit with young women and their families and speak about her experience and provide insight to the communication and relationship challenges they face. Currently, she is focused on pursuing higher education in the field of psychology. As a poet she's had poems published in school literary magazines and bookmarks. As a visual artist she aspires to connect at risk youth with art and literature so they construct a different reality that allows healing and self-expression.

Senator Karen Spilka

Massachusetts State Senator

Senator Karen E. Spilka is the State Senator for the 2nd Middlesex and Norfolk district, which includes the towns of Ashland, Framingham, Franklin, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick in the MetroWest region of Massachusetts. She serves as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the committee that oversees the budget and finances of the Commonwealth. She also chairs the Biotech Legislative Caucus and the Tech Hub Caucus. Senator Spilka's legislative accomplishments include efforts in a broad range of areas including economic development, jobs creation, education, juvenile justice and services for the elderly and disabled communities. Senator Spilka was first elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in the fall of 2001, where she served three years before her election to the State Senate in January 2005. In the Senate she has served as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, the Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and the Majority Whip. Prior to becoming a legislator, Senator Spilka was in private practice as an arbitrator and mediator, specializing in labor and employment law and community and court mediation. In addition, she has been a facilitator and fact finder in disputes in the public and private sectors, as well as a social worker and trainer of adult mediation and school-based peer mediation programs, collaborative-based collective bargaining and conflict resolution strategies. Senator Spilka is a graduate of Northeastern Law School and holds a B.S. from Cornell University. She has been married for over thirty years to Joel S. Loitherstein, an environmental engineer, and has three children and two dogs.

RFK National Resource Center Staff

Edward Kelley

CEO, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Edward Kelley began his human services career in 1968 as an outreach youth worker for the city of Cambridge's Division of Community and Youth Services, a community-based agency that worked with at-risk and delinquent children. He later served as its director. In 1981, he joined Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps as deputy executive director, and in 1985, he was appointed executive director. He was subsequently named President & CEO in 2004. Mr. Kelley is a member of the Child Welfare League of America's board and holds a Master of Arts in education from Boston University. In the summer of 2001, Mr. Kelley received a Fellowship to the national Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders (EPNL) at Stanford University.

John Tuell, BSW, MA

Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

John A. Tuell currently serves as the Executive Director for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice at Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Tuell served as the Director of the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice Initiative at the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Mr. Tuell has also served as the President of Tuell & Associates Consultation, LLC which provided expert consultation and technical assistance in juvenile justice, child welfare and multi-system reform and quality improvement. He has also served as an instructor for the Juvenile Probation Reform Academy, through the partnership with the American Probation and Parole Association and the Council of State Governments. Mr. Tuell has been an author and contributing author to numerous publications that support the work of the Dual Status Youth Initiative and Probation System Review, and related issues impacting the juvenile justice system. Prior to the initiation of the MacArthur Foundation work in 2001, Mr. Tuell served in the U.S. Department of Justice from 1997-2001, during which time he was the Deputy Director of the State Relations and Assistance Division in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Mr. Tuell also worked in the Fairfax County, Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in probation, intake and residential group care for delinquent offenders over a 17 year period from 1979-1996. Mr. Tuell earned his Bachelor of Social Work degree from James Madison University and his Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from George Washington University. He is the proud father of two sons, Austin (age 26) and Zachary (age 21).

Jessica Heldman, JD

Associate Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Jessica K. Heldman is the Associate Executive Director at the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice at Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Ms. Heldman has experience in representation of dependents and delinquents in juvenile court, policy research and development in child welfare and juvenile justice, and impact litigation on behalf of foster children. Ms. Heldman has been at the forefront of the development of frameworks, tools, and resources for the integration and coordination of youth-serving systems and has served as a consultant in this work for Children's Rights in New York City, the Child Welfare League of America, RFK Children's Action Corps, and Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform since 2004. In this capacity, Ms. Heldman has assisted numerous state and local jurisdictions in reform efforts, guiding work that includes legal analysis, practice development, and organizational change. Ms. Heldman has authored or co-authored several publications in the area of system reform in child welfare and juvenile justice, including the *Guidebook for Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare System Coordination and Integration (3rd ed.)*, *Dual Status Youth – Technical Assistance*

Workbook, A Guide to Legal and Policy Analysis in Systems Integration, Models for Change Information Sharing Toolkit (2nd ed.), and Navigating the Dual Status Terrain: Tips for Juvenile Defenders. Ms. Heldman graduated magna cum laude from the University of San Diego School of Law and its Children's Advocacy Institute, where she was a member of the San Diego Law Review and author of the comment Court Delay and the Waiting Child. Ms. Heldman is the recipient of the James A. D'Angelo Outstanding Child Advocate Award, the 2014 Children's Advocacy Institute Trailblazer Award, and winner of the Paul A. McLennon Honors Moot Court Competition, judged by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. She is a member of the California State Bar. Prior to working in the fields of law and policy, Ms. Heldman worked as a theater educator developing and teaching educational arts programming for dependent and delinquent youth in a variety of settings including emergency shelters, group homes, and court schools.

Sorrel Dilanian, MA

Director of Administration, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Sorrel Dilanian joined Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps in 2013 as the Director of Program Administration for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice. Ms. Dilanian supports all activities of the RFK National Resource Center, including its dual status youth, probation system reform, and information sharing initiatives. Since 2007, Ms. Dilanian's work has focused on improving outcomes for dual-status youth, advancing child welfare and juvenile justice system reform, and supporting the MacArthur Foundation Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice Initiative. Prior to joining RFK Children's Action Corps, she served as a Program Manager to Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform and as Program Coordinator of the Child Welfare League of America's Juvenile Justice Division. In these roles, Ms. Dilanian contributed to the authorship and development of numerous publications, planned and supported various events and conferences, and served as staff lead to several networks and advisory groups, including CJJR's Juvenile Prosecutor Leadership Network and CWLA's National Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. Ms. Dilanian earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Central Florida and received her Master's degree in Forensic Psychology from Marymount University. She served as a Graduate Intern to CWLA's Mental Health Division and assisted in the revision of assessment guidelines used by mental health and substance abuse practitioners working with children in the foster care system. As an undergraduate student, Ms. Dilanian volunteered at women's domestic violence shelters by tutoring and mentoring children, and taught health and wellness classes.

Kari Harp, MS

Project Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Kari Harp, MS, is the Probation System Reform Project Director for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice. Ms. Harp comes to the RFK NRC with experience in multi-system collaboration and community mobilization, most recently as Director of the San Luis Valley Joint Interagency Oversight Group (Joint IOG). As Director of this multi-system collaboration, Ms. Harp provided leadership and direction to regional youth-serving agencies involved in Colorado's Collaborative Management Program. Ms. Harp worked with the Joint IOG to implement cross system improvements in the areas of data collection, screening, family involvement, blended and braided funding, systems of care, and institutionalizing mechanisms to support and protect dual status youth. During her time with the RFK NRC, Ms. Harp has provided support to jurisdictions on their efforts to integrate services for dual status youth and has worked with communities to conduct comprehensive probation system reviews. In addition to her consultation support, Ms. Harp has partnered with the RFK NRC team in the authoring of written resources, the development of an innovative trauma-focused graphic for cross system partners and other projects supporting the mission of the NRC. Ms. Harp earned her B.S. degree in Psychology from Union College and her M.S. degree in Public Policy Analysis and Leadership from DePaul University. She comes to

this work with a passion to improve the trajectories of youth in the systems by connecting research and best practices to meaningful implementation at the personal, organizational and system levels.

Leigh G. Mahoney

Director of National Education & Program Development, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Leigh Gallivan Mahoney has over 25 years' experience in educating students marginalized by disability and disadvantage, guided by the passionate belief that access to quality education is the pivotal solution to the majority of societal issues. Leigh has served students both as a teacher and administrator in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and in high need urban communities. She currently works with the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps as its Director of National Education and Program Development, a role which allows her to advocate for policy and programming that supports all students. She brings with her extensive experience working with, and designing programs for, students in the public system, those served out-of-district, and those in institutional settings. Leigh holds a Bachelor of Arts from Westfield State University, and has a Master's Degree in Education Administration from American International College.