

Prevention, Investigation, and Family Services CRP

2024 Panel Members

Jennifer Justice – Jennifer is currently serving as Co-Chair for the Prevention, Investigation, and Family Services CRP. Jennifer is a parent who was previously involved with the child welfare system. She entered the dependency system in 2015 due to substance use disorder and unaddressed mental health issues. Her dependency ended with the termination of her parental rights. Jennifer maintains a healthy connection with her children because they were placed with loving relatives. Subsequently, Jennifer had a family voluntary case in 2020. However, with the help of F.I.R.S.T Legal Clinic Team, she immediately addressed her parental style, and her family voluntary case was dismissed within six months. Her extensive lived experiences with the child welfare system led to her becoming a passionate advocate in helping divert new mothers from becoming involved in the child welfare system. Jennifer became a member of the WSPAC in 2021 and graduated with her Associate of Applied Arts Degree in Legal Administrative Assisting in 2022. In August of 2022 Jennifer began her career as a Parent Ally with the F.I.R.S.T Legal Clinic.

Jenny White – Jenny is currently serving as Co-Chair for the Prevention, Investigation, and Family Services CRP. Jenny is a licensed mental health counselor specializing in attachment, grief, and trauma. Jenny has worked in a variety of settings throughout her career including private practice, outpatient agencies, residential care for high-risk youth and homeless shelters serving children and families. Jenny has prioritized working with children and families experiencing trauma and loss throughout her career and is committed to prioritizing the emotional well-being of children. Jenny has worked with DCYF, foster and birth families to seek the best possible outcome for the children she has served in addition to working with many adults who experienced multiple adverse events in their childhood including exposure to domestic violence, addiction, foster care and adoption. Jenny and her husband were also foster parents providing short-term, respite and long-term care to families experiencing disruption in their lives.

Carol Mitchell – Carol is the founder and currently serves as the Director of Advocacy for the Institute for Black Justice (IBJ). IBJ's mission is to relentlessly pursue equity and justice for all, with people of Black/African descent as its highest priority. Carol joined the Washington State Bar in 1997 and spent most of her legal career in public service. She also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for Clover Park Technical College and is an active member of the Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Clubs. In addition to all the work Carol does for her community she is a lover of international cultural travel.

Tiffani Buck – Tiffani is licensed as a nurse practitioner with a specialty in women and perinatal health. For over 5 years she led the Washington State workgroup that is working to address the impact substance use is having on women, people who are gender nonconforming, pregnancy, children, and parents. She is committed to birth equity, reproductive justice, and eliminating racial/ethnic gaps in maternal and infant outcomes and working beside community partners to improve access to doulas and midwives.

Taila AyAy – Taila is a graduate of Seattle University School of Law. She has been a parents' representation attorney since 2009. Her law practice focuses mainly on representation of parents and children in dependency litigation, prevention matters, administrative law, and family law. She also has experience in tribal representation and has worked as guardian ad litem. She is currently the executive director for the FIRST Legal Clinic. FIRST Clinic is a medical/legal partnership that works with parents that are pregnant or have recently given birth and are at risk of CPS intervention. The clinic connects parents to attorneys and parents with lived experience to aid in preventing the removal of their infant. She is passionate about social justice and increasing equitable access to resources for her clients, their families, and the community.

Beth Rigoulot – Beth is currently a school counselor. She has degrees in both Special Education K-12, all handicapping areas, (BA) and M.Ed. in School Counseling. Beth was formerly in the system as an infant and young child. She had a sealed adoption at the age of 5 into a large family. She has been an orphan that was placed in the system and now, as an educator and a counselor, she works with the system to help students and families. Beth has lived in 5 different states, been an educator in 3 of those states (NE, WYO and WA) and has traveled through 49 of our 50 States.

Constance Mollerstuen – Constance is the Founder and Executive Director of the 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization Positively Linked located in Oak Harbor Washington. The organization was formed in 2014 and provides school-based programs, individual services, classes and support groups to youth and families regarding Prevention and Resilience related to bullying, interpersonal violence, and mental health. In addition to this work, she also held the positions of Finance Manager and then Executive Director for a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault agency in Island County since 2015. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology and finance along with Certifications and Licenses in Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse, Interpersonal Violence Prevention, Trauma and Resilience, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's), Holistic Health and Nutrition, Mindfulness, Social Emotional Learning, Drug and Alcohol Recovery, and Parenting Support and Education. She began her work in the fields of trauma and prevention 18 years ago and is passionate about ensuring youth and families receive the services and support they need to flourish.

Paula Reed - Paula Reed is the Executive Director for Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington (CACWA) and has been in that role since 2018 after moving from Minnesota to

Washington with her husband, Mark. She spent the first 20 years of her career in the nonprofit sector, serving 14 years as the President for United Way of Greater Duluth, and later moved into the government sector, where she spent two years in the Mayor's Office as Public Relations Officer and three years as the Manager of Workforce Development for the City of Duluth. At the State Chapter, Paula and her team support the work of accredited and developing CACs and their multidisciplinary (MDT) partners through training, funding, advocacy, research, data sharing, outreach, individualized technical assistance and more. CACWA also supports local communities interested in establishing CAC services. Paula is currently a member of the Prevention Citizen Review Panel, the Victim Information & Notification (VINE) advisory committee and the statewide CSEC Task Force. In her spare time, Paula enjoys spending time with her family and trying to keep up with her 1-year-old grandson.

Lisa Christoferson – Lisa graduated with her MSW in 2011 and has over 13 years of experience within child safety and neonatal opiate withdrawal. Lisa is currently the primary Social Worker on the Obstetrics and Postpartum Services at Swedish First Hill. Lisa's work includes supporting SUD patients throughout the postpartum period with the hopeful goal of creating a safe discharge plan for both mother and baby.