

Speaker Bios
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 Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

Plenary Speakers

(1) **Eric M. Bailey**

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Other: Eric M. Bailey is the bestselling author and president of Bailey Strategic Innovation Group, one of the fastest-growing human communication consulting firms in the United States. Eric has a unique set of life experiences that includes earning a Master's Degree in Leadership and Organizational Development from Saint Louis University, helping NFL Pro-Bowler Larry Fitzgerald pet a rhinoceros, doing barrel rolls in an F-16, and chatting with LL Cool J on the campus of Harvard University. Eric believes that no matter what life throws at you, there's either a lesson to be learned or a story to be told.

(2) **Dr. Robert Sege**

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Other: Robert Sege, MD, PhD is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine, where he directs the new Center for Community-engaged Medicine. Dr. Sege is a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Social Policy in Washington, is part of the Leadership Action Team for Massachusetts Essentials for Childhood Team, and serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Children's Trust and Prevent Child Abuse America. He received the 2019 Ray E. Helfer award from the Alliance of Children's Trusts and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has served on national committees for the American Academy of Pediatrics and has been lead author on several important AAP policies. His extensive speaking and publication list include contributions to the prevention and treatment of child maltreatment and youth violence. He is a graduate of Yale College, and received his PhD in Biology from MIT and his MD from Harvard Medical School. Bob lives in the Boston area, where he and his wife Karen have raised three young adult children.

(3) **Slash Coleman**

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Other: Slash Coleman is an award-winning storyteller and writer who is best known for his humorous one-man performance-based stage productions. The author of "The Bohemian Love Diaries" and a personal perspectives blogger for Psychology Today, his speaking career launched in 2005 when his PBS Special The Neon Man and Me became a national hit seen by over 77 million viewers, it also landed him on prestigious stages nationwide including: TEDx, The International Storytelling Center, and Pete Seeger's Clearwater Festival. Drawing upon his rich experience as a third-generation storyteller, Slash's unique motivational presentations on laughter, stress management, creativity, life balance, leadership, peak performance and communication skills have endeared him to audiences nationwide.

Workshop Presenters

- (A1) **Trooper Haylie Polistina**
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Other: I have been a Trooper with the Illinois State Police for a little over 2 years. Prior to working with the State Police I worked at the Illinois Department of Corrections and Gateway Foundation as a drug and alcohol counselor. My primary job with the Illinois State Police is to educate the public and share the knowledge I have gained throughout my years working in law enforcement.
- (A2) **Rob Lusk**
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Other: Robert Lusk, Ph.D. has been the Clinical Director at The Baby Fold since 1993. Prior to coming to The Baby Fold, Dr. Lusk was on the faculty at UCLA and Illinois Wesleyan University (where he still periodically teaches a seminar on psychological trauma). He has provided training and consultation to many parents and mental health professionals about understanding and treating a variety of psychiatric disorders, with an emphasis on complex psychological trauma. Dr. Lusk has trained and certified thousands of professionals on trauma treatment in more than 30 states through PESI (the largest non-profit behavioral health training organization in the U.S.).
- (A3) **Dr. Alicen-J McGowan**
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Other: Dr Alicen McGowan is the ultimate pedagogue. As a Registered Play Therapist, LCPC and Certified Autism Specialist for over 20 years, she brings her vast experience to audiences from novice in the field to senior practitioner with ease. She is the author of “We Hid Under The Table“ which received a 5- star rating on Goodreads, stories of children of domestic violence and how one person can change a child’s life.
- (A4) **Vickie Lewis**
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Other: Vickie Lewis is currently the Addiction Specialist in the Central Region for Dominion Diagnostics which specializes in drug testing for Addiction and Behavioral Health. She pursued her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at Sangamon State University. She is a Certified Reciprocal Alcohol and other Drug Counselor as well as a Compulsive Gambling Counselor and is credentialed as a provider for dually diagnosed clients Vickie has worked in various areas of treatment for adults, young adults and juvenile parolees. Vickie is a board member with the Illinois Counsel for Problem Gambling. She has participated as the trainer for the Gambling Counselor certification training and conducts presentations on topics relating to process addictions, substance use disorders and behavioral/mental health. Vickie has authored articles that have been published in the National Alliance on Mental Illness Newsletter, *National Council on Problem Gambling’s National News* publication, Central Illinois Business Publications and the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery ‘s Magazine, the *Paradigm*.
- (B1) **Eric M. Bailey**
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(B2) **Michelle Moreno****Job Title and Affiliation:** Immersion Site Director, 5A Southern Region, DCFS**Degree:****Phone:** 618-417-2230**Email:** Michelle.L.Moreno@illinois.gov

Other: Michelle Moreno holds a master's degree in Public Administration with over 20 years' experience in Child and Family Team development and Wraparound leadership. Michelle began her career with the startup of a high-fidelity Wraparound process in Indiana. After successfully launching the local Wraparound initiative, Michelle utilized her firsthand knowledge and experience to support the development of high-fidelity Wraparound throughout the state while employed as a Coach for the Indiana Department of Mental Health and Addiction. Michelle specialized in developing tools for facilitators to enhance family driven, culturally competent and strength-based care in a Child and Family Team meeting setting. In 2009, Michelle moved to Florida to lead the Family Support Network as a part of a federally funded Early Childhood System of Care in Sarasota, Florida. Michelle returned to her roots in Illinois in 2016 to lead the development of a successful high-fidelity Wraparound program, rapid expansion of child welfare services and attention to quality services. Michelle joined the Immersion Site team in 2019 and is excited to support the Core Practice Model implementation throughout the state.

(B2) **Norma Machay****Job Title and Affiliation:** Immersion Site Director, DCFS**Degree:****Phone:** 630-487-8404**Email:** Norma.Machay@illinois.gov

Other: Norma Machay holds a Master of Human Service Administration from National Louis University. Norma began her career with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services in 1993 as a Social Service Career Trainee - Spanish Speaking in Cook County serving Intact and Placement cases. In 1996, Norma became a Child Welfare Specialist II and was actively involved with Quality Assurance and the Latino Advisory Council. Norma transferred to Child Protective Specialist/ Spanish Speaking in 1997. That same year Norma received an Outstanding Employee Award from Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Latino Advisory Council. From 2000 to 2009, Norma provided Spanish translation and interpretation to complete Interstate compacts, Adoption studies, and in-home Spanish speaking parenting skills. In 2006, Norma was certified as a Forensic Interviewer with Finding Words. Norma was reinstated by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as a Child Protective Investigator Spanish Speaking in Winnebago County in 2009. She has been an active member in Quality Assurance and Latino Advisory Council and the Latino Family Institute Day since 2009. In 2011, Norma transferred to the Maywood Field Office as a Child Protective Specialist /Spanish Speaking and transferred to DuPage County in 2013. Norma was temporarily Assigned Area Administrator of Child Protection for the Joliet, Waukegan and Woodstock Field Offices and Co-Chair to the Latino Advisory Council. Norma has served as the Northern Region Immersion Site Director of Lake County/Waukegan Field Office for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services since 2016. Norma continues to implement the Core Practice Model across the Northern Region and throughout the state.

(B3) **Kevin L. Gordon****Job Title and Affiliation:** Illinois Family First Prevention Services Act Program Manager, DCFS**Degree:** MEd**Phone:** 312-328-2444**Email:** Kevin.L.Gordon@Illinois.gov

Other: Kevin Gordon is the Family First Prevention Services Act program manager for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, providing oversight of the FFPSA (Family First Prevention Service Act) implementation for Illinois. Kevin brings over 20 years of experience in public, private and nonprofit sectors. While at the University of Illinois at Chicago, he provided project management oversight for multiple initiatives with the Chicago Public Schools, Chicago City Colleges and the Chicago Housing Authority. He holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a Master of Education in instructional leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is active in the community and sits on multiple non-profit boards.

- (B3) **Ashley Deckert**
Job Title and Affiliation: Deputy Director of Monitoring, DCFS
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Other: Ashley Deckert is the deputy director of child services for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. She currently manages the Residential Monitoring, Residential Recruitment and Delinquency Prevention and Restorative Justice divisions. Ms. Deckert has worked in child welfare for 13 years. She seeks to improve outcomes for youth in congregate care settings, who she considers to be the most vulnerable and at-risk population of youth in the child welfare system. Ms. Deckert is one of the Illinois Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) leads with the responsibility of strategizing and implementing changes for the congregate care population.
- (B3) **Kimberly A. Mann**
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Other: Kimberly A. Mann, PhD, LCSW, is the deputy director for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services' Office of Research and Child Well-Being. In this role, she promotes the physical, cognitive, social and emotional well-being of youth served by the child welfare system and administers programs that support the developmental needs of children aged 0-6. She oversees early childhood programming and system integration between the child welfare and early childhood systems and leads the department's efforts to integrate research and *lessons learned* through evaluation into the child welfare system. Since joining the department in 2008, Dr. Mann has guided the development of trauma-informed practices, served as project director for the Illinois Birth-Three Title IV-E Waiver and currently leads the implementation of the Early Childhood Court Team initiative. Her practice, program development and research interests include clinical practice with children and their families and the impact of trauma in the lives of youth. Dr. Mann has more than 20 years of graduate and undergraduate teaching experience in social work; and 30 years of experience working with youth and families, primarily in child welfare, public school and community-based settings.
- (B3) **Kenny Martín-Ocasio**
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Other: Kenny Martín-Ocasio is the senior vice president of community integration at Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness. Born in Brooklyn, NY and raised in Puerto Rico, he came to Chicago at age 18 to resume his higher education, receiving his bachelor's degree in arts and special education from Northeastern Illinois University and his master's degree in health services administration. He has worked in the area of human services (substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence) and child welfare for over 32 years and has dedicated his career to working towards the professional, social, economic and educational advancement of minorities, especially Latinos and the LGBTQ community. He has served as president of the DuPage Hispanic Task Force, co-chair of the Latino Consortium, member of the Illinois Latino Agenda and the Latino Youth Action Coalition and in the Cook County President's Latino Advisory. He has served as a board member of the Association of Latinos(as) Motivating Action for the past 10 years, fighting for the equal rights of the Latino LGBTQ community.

- (B3) **Andrea Durbin**
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Other: Andrea Durbin has been the chief executive officer of Illinois Collaboration on Youth since 2012. A passionate and life-long advocate for young people, she leads ICOY's work to improve the lives of children, youth and their families. Prior to becoming CEO, Andrea served as policy and advocacy director for ICOY and led the agency's federally-funded capacity-building initiative for youth service agencies in Chicago. In 2017, Andrea helped to shepherd a long-discussed merger with the Child Care Association of Illinois, which took effect on July 1, 2017. Following the merger, ICOY is now the largest provider voice for services to children, youth and families, representing nearly 100 organizations across the state.
- (B4) **Melissa Parker**
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Other: Melissa Parker is the Adolescent Services Coordinator and Adult Services Coordinator for the Hour House formerly known as Central East Alcoholism and Drug Council. She oversees the Adolescent Outpatient Facility in Mattoon, Illinois and the Adult Male Residential Facility in Lerna, Illinois. She began her employment with CEAD Council in 2003 as an Addictions Counselor working primarily at the Adolescent Residential Facility moving into the Adolescent Services Coordinator position in 2014. She became a certified AODA Counselor obtaining her CADC from the Illinois Certification Board in 2005. She received her Bachelors of Science Degree from Eastern Illinois University in 2002 with a concentration in Family and Consumer Sciences. She currently resides in Charleston, Illinois with her husband Ryan and their two children.
- (C1) **John Eck**
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Other: John was born and raised in Springfield, IL and has lived in the central Illinois area his entire life. He graduated from University of Illinois Springfield with a bachelor's degree in English (2012) and a master's degree in Human Services (2017), with a concentration in Child and Family Studies. John has been married for twelve years and has two children, ages twelve and six. He was a stay-at-home parent for both of his children from birth until school age while he pursued his college education. John has a strong passion for serving and empowering parents to live a more nurturing lifestyle, and has been serving families in the Central Illinois area for five years as a family/parent educator.
- (C2) **Jen McMillin**
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Other: Jen McMillin joins MOCN with experience in community partnerships and fundraising. She holds a masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois – Springfield, and joined MOCN in June 2020.

- (C2) **Amy Kendal**
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Other: Amy Kendal is the Co-Founder of the Maryville Crisis Nursery and is the Administrator of Early Childhood Services. She has 34 years of experience at Maryville working directly with children, youth and families in various capacities. In 2006, her vision was to create, design and implement the first Crisis Nursery in Chicago to care for children while parents resolved a variety of serious issues. This program to support families during crises has been invaluable. It has proven to be highly needed by thousands of parents since inception and prevents child abuse and neglect. Amy works on all aspects of program development, which includes budgeting, policies and procedures, performance improvement, program evaluation, and both staff and parent training. She earned a Master of Science Degree in Child Development from the Erikson Institute.
- (C3) **Karen Tabb**
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Other: Karen Tabb is an Associate Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the School of Social Work. She teaches integrated health care policy and macro practice courses. She conducts research on perinatal depression in clinic settings with an added focus on early childhood systems and community development.
- (C3) **Nadia Quad**
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Other: Nadia Quad is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree at DePaul University's College of Science and Health where she is majoring in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Bio Medicine and Health as well as minoring in General Psychology. Her future plans include attending medical school and becoming a physician. She is interested in pursuing cardiology, emergency medicine, or family/pediatric medicine.
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(D3) **Katherine Layden**
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Other: Katherine Layden, a passionate and caring Mental Health Specialist for the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, Strong Families program; focus on working with children and families; helping to create safe, healthy environments and strong parent-child relationships. Over several years of experience in the non-for-profit sector working within workforce development, career counseling, healthcare enrollment and child abuse prevention; completion of adoption preservation training, certified as a family trauma professional, and Maternal Mental Health Certificate of Course Completion through Postpartum International Support (PSI) and 2020 Mom.

- (D1) **Dorothy Davis**
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Other: Dorothy Davis is the Central Illinois Parents Care & Share Regional Coordinator at Children's Home & Aid. She has worked with children and families in foster care and facilitated recovery groups in hospitals and treatment centers for many years. She facilitates the Central Illinois Blue Bow Campaign and the McLean County Fatherhood Coalition. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology.
- (D1) **Ernestine Brown**
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Other: Ernestine Brown is the Metropolitan Chicago Regional Coordinator for the Parents Care & Share Program at Children Home & Aid. Ernestine is the co-leader of the Chicago Blue Bow Campaign. She has educated communities and combatted human trafficking through volunteer work with the Dreamcatcher Foundation in Chicago. She received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in human services from Colorado Technical University.
- (D1) **Stefanie Lynch**
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Other: Stefanie Lynch is the regional coordinator for the Northern IL Parents Care & Share program and a doula at Children's Home & Aid. She has worked in substance abuse rehabilitation and is a certified doula with Doulas of North America (DONA). For the past five years, she has provided community-based case management, home visiting, and doula services for the Rockford area and has coordinated Parents Care & Share groups. She is the facilitator of the northern Illinois Blue Bow Campaign and Rockford Fatherhood Coalition. She graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation services.
- (D2) **Kristin Kaufman**
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Other: Kristin holds a Master of Science in Human Services from Capella University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Illinois College. Kristin spent 9 years working in Child Welfare, with her last three years working as a Program Supervisor. Kristin has experience working directly with clients, as well as leading a team of case managers under her program. She has a passion for the work that she does in relation to child abuse prevention, specifically in regards to childhood trauma. In 2017, Kristin became a certified Trauma Informed Response trainer through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Kristin is also an advocator of ACES and became a certified Adverse Childhood Experiences trainer through ACE Interface in 2018. Kristin is active in local and statewide initiatives, including multiple Child Abuse Prevention Coalitions, the Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition, and the Illinois ACES Response Collaborative.

- (D4) **Cristina Pacione-Zayas**
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Other: Cristina Pacione-Zayas, PhD, directs the vision for policy and leadership initiatives at Erikson Institute. She is charged with articulating and executing Erikson’s policy agenda to generate systemic solutions leading to equitable opportunities and positive outcomes for young children, families, and communities. Dr. Pacione-Zayas is credited with establishing The Early Childhood Leadership Academy for Illinois leaders seeking learning experiences to enhance their capacity to inform early childhood policy. She also directs the Community Data Lab which equips local leaders with precise and accessible data on child well-being to inform systems coordination, resource allocation, and policy through the Early Development Instrument Pilot Project and Risk and Reach Project. She also works closely with Erikson faculty and research scientists to identify opportunities for translating research into policy. She is board secretary for the Illinois State Board of Education, and co-chair for the Kindergarten Transition Advisory Committee of the P-20 and Early Learning Councils. She was on the Educational Success Committee of J.B. Pritzker’s Transition Team, the Education Committee of Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s Transition Team, and Title V Needs Assessment Advisory Committee for the State’s federally-mandated Maternal and Child Health Services.
- (E1) **Juliana Harms**
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Other: Juliana Harms received her BS in Human Development/Family Ecology and MSW from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ms. Harms worked with victims of violent crimes as the Victim-Witness Coordinator in the Livingston County State’s Attorney’s Office from 1986 to 1988. She has been with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services since 1988. She joined the IDCFS Clinical Division in 2008 as a Clinical Services Coordinator. She subsequently served as the Administrator of Specialty Services, Administrator of Social Work Practice and is currently the Associate Deputy of Behavioral Health. She is an active advocate and consultant for LGBTQI youth in care and initiated a training and technical assistance project in 2013 with Dr. Gary Mallon to advance Department policy and practice regarding LGBTQI youths and families. Ms. Harms continues to educate child welfare and community providers about supporting LGBTQI youths and families, including private child welfare agencies throughout the state, youth correctional centers, CASA, court services, university classes, the Cook County LGBT Homeless Youth Summit, and as a national webinar panelist for “Supporting Permanency for LGBT Youth in Foster Care”, sponsored by the Children’s Bureau.
- (E2) **Donna Stephens**
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Other: Donna Stephens graduated from Belleville Area College in 1981 with an Associate’s Degree in Nursing, McKendree College in 1988 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing, University of Missouri in 1992 with a Master’s Degree in Nursing and McKendree University in 2018 with a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree. Her specialty for 33 years has been in women’s health nursing fulfilling various roles from Labor and Delivery staff nurse, Nurse Educator, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Nursing Director. Donna’s primary interest throughout the course of her Doctorate education and the topic of study in her doctoral project was substance abuse in pregnancy. Donna’s goal was to promote early identification of substance use through screening, referral to appropriate resources, and support and education for the pregnant substance user.

- (E3) **Heather Moyer**
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Other: Heather Moyer has worked in the home visitation field for 18 years. She manages the Healthy Families program at Teen Parent Connection, which provides services to adolescent parents from the prenatal period through the child's fifth birthday. Heather and her team participated in the statewide Illinois Pregnant and Parenting Youth in Care pilot project, providing intensive parenting support services to adolescent parents that are part of the foster care system; Teen Parent Connection has continued that work beyond the pilot in partnership with numerous organizations.
- (E3) **Ashley Anderson**
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Other: Ashley Anderson - Ashley Anderson has worked in home visitation and perinatal education for over 13 years. She currently serves as the Perinatal Education Coordinator for Teen Parent Connection's Doula Program which provides support to families prenatally through the first two months of a baby's life. As a part of the Illinois Pregnant and Parenting Youth in Care Pilot, Ashley facilitated weekly Perinatal and Parent Support Groups to foster care youth. Ashley is a Lamaze Certified Childbirth Educator, Certified Lactation Counselor, Certified Infant Massage Instructor, and has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.
- (E3) **Jaime Russell**
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Other: Jaime Russell received a Masters Degree from Illinois State University in Social Work and is a Program Director with Children's Home + Aid. Jaime has 15 years experience working with families in a variety of settings and has spent her carrier working within home visiting and Prevention Services. Jaime has spent much of her career in Healthy Families America and Parent's As Teachers program models. Over the last 4 years, Jaime has been working for Illinois MIECHV to increase home visiting services to youth in care who are pregnant and/or parenting.
- (E3) **Tia Stagers**
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Other: Tia Stagers attended National Louis University, graduated 2016 M.S in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Tia recently joined Erikson DCFS Early Childhood Project in July 2019 as a Home Visiting Specialists. Tia worked at UCAN Chicago as an Educational Coaching, assisting youth in gaining the skills and confidence to reach their full potential through meaningful and supporting mentoring. Prior to this position Tia was a home visitor at Chicago Childcare Society, promoting positive parent-child interactions; and providing services to pregnant women and parents of birth to three-year-old. Tia had the opportunity to contribute her counseling skills while building upon her experience with adolescents and their families through child welfare.

- (E4) **Madison Hammett**
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Other: Madison Hammett is a policy analyst for the Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative, housed at Health & Medicine Policy Research Group. As part of her work at the Collaborative, Madison provides trainings and education on trauma and adverse childhood experiences, trauma-informed practices and policies, and organizational and community capacity building in a variety of sectors- including healthcare, education, social services, and the criminal-legal system. Prior to working at the Collaborative, Madison was a social worker in the Department of Trauma at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County. Her other experience includes working with incarcerated mothers in IDOC, and in maternal public health in locations such as rural Appalachia and northern Uganda.
- (F1) **Youth Advisory Board Members**
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- (F2) **Betsy Goulet**
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Other: Betsy Goulet is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the UIS Child Advocacy Studies Program (CAST) in the College of Public Affairs and Administration. For over thirty years, Dr. Goulet has worked in child protection, serving as the founding director of the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center and working as the Children's Policy Advisor to the Illinois Attorney General. She also started the State Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers in Illinois and served as the organization's first president. Through a contract with Illinois Department of Child and Family Services, Dr. Goulet developed a new model for child protection training that emphasizes experiential learning and the use of a Residential Simulation Lab and mock courtroom on the UIS campus. She has presented nationally and internationally on the Child Protection Training Academy and has consulted with several states who are interested in replicating the model. Her research on the CPTA was recently published in the Journal of Public Child Welfare.
- (F2) **Amy Wheeler**
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- (F3) **Nicole Holliday**
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Other: Nicole has been working in home visiting for 12 years. She currently works at The Baby Fold in the Healthy Start program working with first time parents. In the last three years she has been trained as a Birth Doula, Perinatal Mood Disorder Counselor and has become a Certified Yoga Teacher/Yoga Therapist. Nicole is passionate about incorporating yoga and meditation to help aid in healing trauma, help with bonding and attachment and development.