TIM BAACK
Tim Baack is the President/CEO. A state-licensed professional counselor, Tim has been affiliated with Pathfinders since 1988 and has served in variety of positions including Interim President/CEO, Senior Vice President of Strategic Development and Executive Vice President. During his tenure with Pathfinders, he has provided key leadership regarding the organization’s operations, administration, budgeting, program development, and human resources. Some of Tim’s accomplishments are: Elected member of the Steering Committee for the Milwaukee Continuum of Care; Chair of the Prevention and Emergency Services Workgroup, Coordinated Entry Workgroup, and Chair of the Shelter Task Force Committee; Board President of the Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services; and a 2012 Champion of Change as recognized by president Obama.

MARTHA BAYER
Martha Bayer has worked with at risk students for the last 6 years in both the Green Bay Area Public High Schools and at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. She currently works as a student support specialist at NWTC supporting both foster youth and teen parents.

BARB BIGALKE
Barb Bigalke founded and is the Executive Director of The Center for Suicide Awareness, a 501 c 3 nonprofit, located in Kaukauna, WI. She is certified in the Mitchell Model for Suicide Prevention, Intervention, Postvention, De-Briefing and Group and Individual Crisis Intervention. She is a certified CIT officer and is part of the Manitowoc County CISM team. She is certified by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) in Crisis Response Team Training. She is a certified QPR instructor. She is certified by the Wisconsin Brain Institute in Brain spotting and EMDR. She holds certifications in Trauma Informed Care and Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality. She is part of the Special Task Force in Madison for Victim Rights. She has been an adjunct teacher for Fox Valley Technical College for the past 16 years. Barb has brought the first Text Based Support Line to our State called the HOPELINE. Prior, Barb worked for the Department of Justice and directed the Victim Crisis Response Team for Law Enforcement.

JULIE BOCK
Julie Bock is the Senior Vice President of Programs. She started her career with Pathfinders as its Youth Shelter Director; currently she oversees all Pathfinders program departments, including Community Engagement, Education, Rosalie Center for Family Engagement and Housing. Julie is a licensed clinical social worker, holding a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin. Additionally she holds certification in Trauma from UWM, in Women’s Studies from UW, and the Executive Leadership Institute of the Alliance for Children and Families at the University of Michigan. She has also been a scholar with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention HIV Institute.

SCOTT CALDWELL
Scott Caldwell is a licensed substance abuse counselor and prevention specialist with 25 years in the behavioral health field as a clinician (10 years working with adolescents), program coordinator, trainer, and consultant. Since becoming a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers in 2008, Scott has maintained a busy training calendar. As MI Consultant with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Scott travels statewide to help publicly-funded agencies adopt, learn, and implement MI into routine practice with fidelity.
LEA COLLINS-WORACHEK

Lea Collins-Worachek has worked for the State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development for the past sixteen years. Since May of 2006 Lea has held a field manager position with the State of Wisconsin’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Currently, Lea is the DVR Workforce Development Area Director for the Milwaukee County region. Lea is responsible for administrative oversight of the largest Workforce Development Area (WDA) in the state of Wisconsin. Lea directly leads and coaches a team of 61 staff that includes vocational rehabilitation supervisors, licensed vocational rehabilitation counselors and consumer case coordinators.

Prior to joining DVR, Lea was an Employment & Training Supervisor with the Department of Workforce Development’s Division of Employment & Training. She held that position for five years.

Lea received a MS degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and a BA degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Lea is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC).

JOLENE COOLEY

Jolene Cooley has a Masters in Educational Psychology with a focus in Rehabilitation Counseling from UW Milwaukee and has been working for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) for the past 9 years. She works with youth to help them transition from high school to the world of work. She is an avid reader, strong advocate for the environment and has a cat named Dexter.

GREGG CURTIS

Gregg Curtis is in year 5 as the School Counseling Education Consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Gregg graduated from the University of Iowa in 1988 with an elementary education degree. After ten years as a middle school teacher in rural Iowa, Gregg returned to the UI; receiving a master’s degree in school counseling degree that he used to work with 7th and 8th graders. Following his work as a school counselor, Gregg returned once more to the UI and received his doctorate in Counselor Education with a minor in the Social Foundations of Education in 2008. Prior to joining DPI, Gregg spent 6 years as a lecturer and assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; working to prepare graduate students to work as counselors in schools, community mental health agencies, and institutions of higher education.

EDWARD DEJESUS

Educators, policy-makers, and young adults unanimously agree that DeJesus’ message about reclaiming the lost economic fortunes of America’s youth is powerful and unapologetic. DeJesus is a top speaker at over 20 major youth conferences each year. As a former VIBE magazine editor puts it: “DeJesus’ message hits home with the weight of a project building falling on your head. And once every brick has touched down, audiences will have a clear idea of what must be done.”

Thirty years of experience in the trenches in some of the toughest neighborhoods and policy-making environments has prepared DeJesus to reveal the true social, political and cultural dynamics that keep so many youth from educational and workforce success. Through creative and inspirational storytelling mixed with cold hard facts, DeJesus argues that every community has the seeds to set up the structures that make a difference in their youth’s future. And, through his message, audiences learn how to make these seeds grow. DeJesus is a W.K. Kellogg Foundation National Fellow and holds a MS in management and urban policy analysis from the New School for Social Research. He is the author of the best-selling book, “MAKiN’ IT” as well as the author of several publications on issues affecting marginalized young adults. DeJesus was born and raised in The Bronx, NY where he started his career in several major youth initiatives in the South Bronx, Harlem and Washington Heights sections of New York City. Later, DeJesus expanded his innovative and ground-breaking work across the U.S., including rural areas everywhere. He has blended his love for reaching youth with a special ability to impact policy by conducting research on effective programs that help youth acquire and maintain jobs. DeJesus served as a youth policy expert for the Sar Levitan Center for Youth Policy at John Hopkins University and served on the Task Force on Employment Opportunities for young offenders for the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He has served as a consultant to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the U.S. Dept. of Labor, and the National Education Association. DeJesus is a father of six, a cancer survivor and a competitive Ironman triathlete. When it gets hard, you can count on DeJesus to get it going.

KATE ELVIDGE

Speaker bio coming soon!

KATE GARDNER

Kate Gardner is a BSW graduate of the UW-Green Bay School of Social Work and a MSW graduate of the UW-Milwaukee School of Social Work. She worked in the behavioral health field in Michigan for over 10 years and has been the Director of Vilas County Social Services since 2010.
JESSIE GOEDEK
Jessica Godek is the Juvenile Justice Supervisor at Jefferson County where she has been working with juveniles since 2004. She has worked with children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbance and mental health issues since 1996. Through her work as a SAAS Counselor in rural Southern Illinois, an adoption and post adoption worker in Central Illinois and Madison and in the Juvenile Justice Field at Jefferson County Human Services, she has gained vast knowledge and experience about what works and doesn’t work with this unique population. She has additional training in trauma informed parenting, dual status youth and is a Motivational Interviewing Coach for Jefferson County. She has a Master of Science in Community Mental Health and is a part of the Wisconsin Juvenile Justice Network. Jessica and her husband Dave are also foster parents.

WILL GREEN
Will is the Founder of Mentoring Positives, Inc. a mentoring program working with high-risk youth in Madison Wisconsin. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and is from Gary, Indiana. Will has over 22 years of experience working with youth and families with behavioral and emotional issues.

CHRIS GUNDERSON
Chris has worked with at-risk youth since 1986. He started his career with Homme Youth & Family Programs in Wittenberg, Wisconsin as a counselor and eventually as a Staff Trainer. In 1997 he started Mirror Image Consulting. Chris provided training and consulting to schools, manufacturing plants, group homes and residential facilities. In 2008 he contracted with Marathon County Social Services to provide Intensive Supervision Services for habitual truants through the court systems. Eventually the contracts grew to include supervision for delinquents as well as Child Protective Services.

FRANKIE GUZMAN
Frankie Guzman is the Director of the CA Juvenile Justice Initiative at the National Center for Youth Law. As a juvenile justice attorney, Frankie is working to eliminate the practice of prosecuting and incarcerating children in California’s adult criminal justice system, and advocates for developmentally appropriate sentences and treatment for youth charged with serious offenses statewide. Raised in a poor, mostly immigrant community plagued by drugs and crime, Frankie experienced his parents’ divorce and his family’s subsequent homelessness at age 3, the life-imprisonment of his 16-year-old brother at age 5, and lost numerous friends to violence. At age 15, he was arrested for armed robbery and, on his first offense, was sentenced to serve 15 years in the California Youth Authority. Released on parole after six years, Frankie attended law school and became an expert in juvenile law and policy.

KRISTIN NICOLE HENNING
Kris Henning is the Director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic and the Agnes N. Williams Research Professor of Law at Georgetown Law. Professor Henning previously served as lead attorney for the Juvenile Unit of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. Professor Henning has been active in local, regional and national juvenile justice reform and serves as Director of the Mid-Atlantic Juvenile Defender Center (MAJDC). She is also a lead author of the Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP), a national training curriculum for juvenile defense attorneys across the country. Professor Henning has published a number of law review articles and book chapters on topics such as race and the juvenile justice system, children and the Fourth Amendment, and the role of policing in the legal socialization of African American boys. In 2013, Professor Henning was awarded the Robert E. Shepherd, Jr. Award for Excellence in Juvenile Defense by NJDC, and in 2105, received an Award for Youth Justice from the DC Lawyers for Youth.

BETH HOERCHLER
Beth Hoerchler has been the Long Term Care and Delinquency Supervisor for Oneida County Department of Social Services since 2012. She graduated from UW Stevens Point in 1996 with a Bachelors in Public Administration and Policy Analysis. She began working for Oneida County Department of Social Services in 1999. She has had a number of positions within the agency including in Child Protection, Juvenile Justice and Long Term Care. Beth has a passion for building systems of collaboration and innovative prevention services.

LANCE HOROZEWSKI
Lance Horozewski is currently employed as the Rock County Children, Youth & Families Manager overseeing Juvenile Justice, Child Protective Services and Youth Detention Center Services. He began his career in residential treatment serving severely emotionally challenged boys. Lance has spent his entire 17 year career working with high risk youth and families as a social worker, supervisor, policy and planning analyst and now as a county level division administrator. Various projects Lance has lead include a system’s reform project of the Rock County Juvenile Justice System as part of the MacArthur Foundation Model’s for Change Project. He spearheaded the establishment of the first Wisconsin Juvenile Justice Leadership Network, which brought together both state and county level juvenile justice leaders to move forward statewide juvenile justice reforms. He currently oversees the development of the first Wisconsin Juvenile Justice Practice Model which was finalized in July 2015. Lance has participated in numerous state and national level projects most notably his current involvement with the National Juvenile Probation Review Network (NJPRN) Project funded by the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation. The NJPRN is tasked with establishing a single best practice model for reviewing local juvenile probation systems across the nation.
ANDRE JOHNSON

Andre Johnson is a Madison native and UW-Madison graduate. He has worked with youth for over 25 years. More than eight of those years were with the non-profits Project Bootstrap and Community Adolescent Programs. During that time, Andre assisted youth in overcoming academic barriers, provided support for community service/restitution obligations, provided intensive supervision services, Children Come First case management and supervision of program staff. He also worked with the Dane County Shelter home for many years as a youth counselor. In 1999, Andre joined the Dane County Department of Human services as a supervisor for the Neighborhood Intervention Program. He served in that capacity for 15 years, where he supervised a variety of staff and programs. In 2014 he became the Juvenile Justice Manager for the County where he oversee a staff of 50 and 15 purchase of service contracts with community providers.

RON JOHNSON

Ron is the Community Restorative Court Coordinator for Dane County. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from UW-Milwaukee and attended graduate school at Marquette University for mediation. Ron has experience in education as a history teacher and former principal, and is the founder of programs such as “Project Ujima,” a youth violence prevention program, “Warning! We Must Respect Each Other Summer Basketball League,” and “Camp ‘TJ’ Peace,” a father-son retreat. He also serves as a motivational speaker and professional trainer on the topics of youth gang sub-culture, the “Say it Straight” curriculum, restorative justice practices, and youth development and motivation. Ron is born and raised in Milwaukee and the proud father of seven.

TAI WORDS JONES

Tai Words Jones is the Adolescent Program Coordinator for Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services. In her role, she has designed a series of classes that expose youth to various areas of focus in an effort to enhance their daily life skills. These life skills courses prepare youth for life after the system. Ms. Words Jones also facilitates comprehensive sexual health trainings for youth and staff alike. She co-chairs the Working with Teens (WWT) Committee, which hosts workshops for youth in care that center around providing resource and education to the teenagers she serves.

Ms. Words Jones is extremely passionate about assisting youth be the best they can be as well as a big advocate for preparing youth to enter into adulthood. She displays this enthusiasm when interacting with colleagues, professionals and community organizations. Tai Words Jones holds a bachelor’s degree in dance from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is currently in graduate school at George Williams College pursuing a Masters in Social Work with the hopes of becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

MARK KRONER

Mark Kroner is an independent trainer/consultant who has over 33 years in the youth services field. Mark development and ran the Lighthouse Independent Living Program in Cincinnati for over 21 years and has worked with thousands of young people in the child welfare, mental health, juvenile justice, developmental disabilities and homeless youth systems. Mark is a licenses independent social worker who also worked in the field as a social worker, a group home director, group trainer, writer, researcher, national advocate, and consultant. He served in the Peace Corps in Zaire (Congo), Africa in the early 80s. Mr. Kroner served on the National Independent Living Standards Committee of the Child Welfare League of America and the Ohio State Independent Living Task Force. He has published numerous articles and workbooks focusing on housing and self-sufficiency development. He served as the president of the Ohio Independent Living Association in 1995-96. Mark has spoken extensively around the country on independent living issues and has helped dozens of agencies start and develop scattered-site apartment programs.

Mark received his BA in Psychology in 1973 and his Masters in Social Work Degree in June, 1997 from the University of Cincinnati. His books “Housing Options for Independent Living” and “Moving In: Ten Successful IL/TLPs” provide a summary of what is going on around the country related to housing youth leaving care.

ROBIN KROYER-KUBICEK

Robin joined the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Career and Technical Education Team in 2013. She is a currently certified, grade 6-12 science teacher with a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction; a Leadership Certificate in Career Pathways; and Leadership Training from the International Center for Leadership in Education. Prior to DPI, Robin was the Youth Apprenticeship Curriculum Writer, working with Wisconsin’s Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to revise and update YA programs. She was also pivotal in developing DWD’s Child Labor Guide for schools and employers in order to promote more business and education partnerships in high school work-based learning. In her current role, she continually draws on her past career experiences in healthcare laboratories and pharmaceutical manufacturing to promote quality business-education partnerships, work-based learning, and high school to post-secondary career programs and transitions. Robin is currently co-leading the mandated Academic and Career Planning (ACP) project which requires all Wisconsin school districts to provide career exploration, planning, and management services to all students in grades 6-12 beginning in fall 2017.

NICOLE LAUDOLFF

Speaker bio coming soon!
BETH LEWIS
Beth Lewis is the Alternative Education & GED/HSED Administrator for the State of Wisconsin. Beth’s experience includes 35 years of working with alternative education, school discipline and the social service and juvenile justice systems. Her primary professional focus has been to help the systems that share students (parents, schools, social and human services, courts, law enforcement and community agencies) help those students to be successful.

KARIE LOWE
Karie L. Lowe, MS LPC has been working with youth and families since 1995. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in psychology, from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and her Master of Science degree, from the University of Southern New Hampshire in Community Mental Health, specializing in working with severely emotionally disturbed children. Her Master’s Thesis was titled Achieving Successful Transitions to Independent Living for Young adult Aging out of Foster Care. In January of 2017, Karie obtained her Professional Counselors License.

Karie worked at Ethan Allen School for Boys in Wales, Wisconsin for almost two years as a youth counselor, St. Charles as a Youth Care worker for 5 years and in 2001, Karie came to work with Lad Lake as the Connections Independent Living Coordinator, helping youth aging out of foster care. She coordinated the program for youth ages 15 to 23 that are in or have aged out of foster care for 11 years. In September of 2011 Karie was promoted to the position of the Director of Independent Living and Outreach Services. Throughout her time at Lad Lake she has been able to learn about what helps these youth become successful adults and what barriers are out there for these young people as they leave their life in care and she has witnessed great success for the programs and the young people who have participated.

WENDY LUCKENBILL
Ms. Luckenbill is a national leader in the work to enhance family involvement in juvenile justice (FIJJ) through her work with Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system. She is a principle author and editor of Pennsylvania’s FIJJ products, “Family Involvement in Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System”, “A Family Guide to Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice”, and the first FIJJ curriculum for Juvenile Probation Officers. She wrote “Strengthening the Role of Families in Juvenile Justice” for the MacArthur Foundation’s Models for Change (MfC). She has presented nationally on these efforts including to the US Senate, Congress, and the US Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program, and consults to VERA and Council on State Governments. She serves as faculty to the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice in its Collaborative for Change and MfC. Currently Ms. Luckenbill continues to lead the Family Involvement Committee of the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers.

STEPHANIE LOZANO
Stephanie Lozano, MSW, CSW, is the Tribal Liaison for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF). Prior to working for DCF, Stephanie spent 10 years working with the Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services Division as an ongoing social worker and eventually their Indian Child Welfare Program Supervisor overseeing cases involving the Indian Child Welfare Act both within the State of Wisconsin and across the country. Stephanie continues to work collaboratively with state, county, tribes, and private agencies in regard to the provision of services for Indian children and their families. Stephanie’s educational background includes a Bachelor’s of Science in Sociology from UW-La Crosse and a Master’s of Social Work from UW-Madison.

BRIAN MCBRIDE
Brian McBride currently works for Milwaukee County as a Program Manager and oversees the county’s Transition Services. He has been working within Wraparound Milwaukee for the past 15 years. Brian’s desire to never give up on a child and ensure that everyone has a successful transition can be seen in his work with Project OYEAH, Milwaukee’s CORE program, Owens Place Drop-In Center and other initiatives started within the county.

MELISSA MEBOE
Melissa Meboe, CAPSW, Rock County Crisis Services Program Manager, has worked in Behavioral Health in multiple capacities from institutional care to community mental health in both clinical and administrative positions. Melissa has been administratively responsible for crisis intervention programs for the past 10 years. She attended the Zero Suicide Academy in June 2016 with the Rock County team that is implementing a Zero Suicide framework within Rock County Human Services. Melissa is also an adjunct faculty member of George Williams College.
AMBER MILLER
In her role at Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation, Amber manages multiple poverty alleviation programs, including a pilot program with UW Stout and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services to help increase asset building for individuals with disabilities. In 2013, Miss Miller assisted WWBIC is receiving a $3.4 million grant to assist families who have children with disabilities achieve self-sufficiency through financial awareness. Additionally, she leads WWBIC’s Education and Financial Capability Department and Wisconsin Saves Initiative by augmenting and expanding WWBIC’s education partnerships and social marketing campaigns.
Ms. Miller holds a B.A. in Business and Management from Alverno, Masters of Business Administration and Master of Higher Education Administration along with being a Certified HP LIFE and NxLevel Instructor. She is also the recipient of the 2015 Women in Champion Small Business Administration (SBA) Award for her efforts helping female small business owners’ start or expand their business state-wide and the 2016 recipient of the UEDA Extraordinary Community Partner” for all the great partnership and work over the past few years on the UEDA Summit, FEDN and Money Smart Week.

TROY MOLDENHAUER
Troy Moldenhauer has been working in higher education for nearly 25 years and enjoys helping young adults navigate their path to higher education. Having been a foster parent (and adoptive parent of 5 amazing kids), Troy has a passion for helping foster (and former foster) youth seek their potential.

BARBARA MOSER
Barbara Moser is a board-certified family practice physician with 27 years of practice experience in college health. She retired from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in 1/2016. Dr. Moser is committed to helping other professionals provide sustainable compassionate care for those they serve. In addition, she has provided leadership for grant-supported projects which aim to promote emotional health through open dialogue and behavior change for UWM students as well as for members of the greater Milwaukee community. She currently serves as the chair of the Prevent Suicide Greater Milwaukee Coalition, and also as a member of the advisory boards of WISE (WI Initiative for Stigma Elimination) and REDgen (Youth Resiliency). Dr. Moser speaks and provides trainings at conferences and in the community on a variety of topics related to emotional health, including suicide prevention and risk assessment, stigma toward persons living with mental health diagnoses, and compassion resilience among providers of care. Dr. Moser received her MD from Northwestern University in Chicago, and completed a family practice residency at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Contact her at barbara@preventsuicidemke.com

CHARLENE MOUILLE
Charlene Mouille has more than 20 years of experience in the health and human services field. Charlene joined the United Way in 2014 to lead the United Way of Wisconsin and became the Executive Director of 2-1-1 Wisconsin in 2015. Prior to her work with the United Way she served as the Vice President of a national training and technical assistance organization --New Ways to Work. At New Ways Charlene directed multiple initiatives, including: the Youth Council Institute, Foster Youth Transition Action Team Initiative, Communities and Schools for Career Success (CS2), the Intermediary Network, and the Employer and Labor, Work-Based Learning project funded by the California Employment Development Department. Charlene has worked with many local, regional, statewide, and national partnerships and coalitions to design and implement programs aimed and improving the common good.

GRETA MUNNS
Twenty-eight year old Greta Munns is a Wisconsin native who has used her own foster care history to connect and empower a range of at-risk youth over the past ten years. Holding internships with non-profit and child welfare organizations such as FosterClub and The National Resource Center for Youth Development, she has testified before U.S. Congress and presented workshops across the nation focusing on meaningful youth engagement. Greta graduated from University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2011 and went on to teach in a high-needs school in Chicago. She continues to follow her passion working as the Outreach Specialist for University of Wisconsin-Stout’s Fostering Success program. She is a certified ACE Interface master trainer, TEDx presenter, and mom to three-year-old twins.

EMILY PELZ
Emily Pelz is the Executive Director of Pupil Services for the School District of Beloit. She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education from UW-Whitewater, a Master’s Degree in Special Education from UW-Whitewater, and a Master’s Degree in Administration and Supervision from National Lewis University. Emily has had the honor of serving the School District of Beloit for the past 12 years in many capacities. She began her career in Beloit as a special education teacher at Beloit Memorial High School. When she completed her Educational Leadership degree, she immediately moved into an Assistant Principalship at the high school, and served in that capacity for 3 years. She has served as the Executive Director of Pupil Services for the past 3 years.
DONNA RHODES
Donna Rhodes has a wealth of experience with at-risk youth and has worked with youth and families in Racine and Kenosha for over 30 years. Her position as Kenosha County Gang Intervention Supervisor was created by the County Executive in 2009 to help reduce/prevent gang activity by youth. As a part of the annual Gang Prevention Plan, Kenosha County runs a very successful Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) that has helped Kenosha see a dramatic reduction in juvenile crime during the summer months. In addition to SYEP, other gang prevention efforts include neighborhood strengthen activities, community outreach, parent/teacher education, two community gang prevention programs and two dedicated case managers that work with gang involved youth. Ms. Rhodes has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin Parkside and is a licensed Social Worker.

DENNY ROARK
Denny has worked in a variety of student services roles at universities in Illinois and at UW System institutions and will finish her career with UW System Administration. She is an original member of the Foster Youth to College Advisory Group.

CAITLIN RYAN
Caitlin Ryan, PhD, ACSW is a clinical social worker who has worked on LGBT health and mental health for more than 40 years. As Director of the Family Acceptance Project at San Francisco State University, Dr. Ryan and her team have developed an evidence-informed family intervention model to strengthen and help ethnically and religiously diverse families to support their LGBT children, to maintain LGBT youth in their homes, to decrease family rejection and health risks and to promote family acceptance and positive outcomes. Her work has been recognized by many groups, including the American Psychiatric Association, National Association of Social Workers, and the American Psychological Association, Division 44 that gave her the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award for groundbreaking research on LGBT youth and families. Dr. Ryan trains on this work across the U.S. and other countries.

LAMARR DARNELL SHIELDS
Dr. Shields is a social entrepreneur, inspirational speaker, and educator who loves to create and build with purpose. As the Co-Founder and Senior Director of Education and Innovation at the Cambio Group, and former professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Education, Dr. LaMarr Darnell Shields has dedicated his life to inspiring adults and youth alike to pursue a higher purpose, achieve sustainable value for long-term success, and cope with adversity in order to create opportunities in their personal, professional and spiritual lives.

This bilingual author, “Ubuntu” teacher, public speaker, social entrepreneur and thought leader is a dynamic presence who has appeared on NPR, ABC, NBC, CNN, and BET. His extensive experience as a scholar-practitioner in the field of racial, ethnic, and academic identity among Black and Latino male youth, coupled with his depth of experience with fostering inter-connectivity and deep engagement among educators, policy makers, parents, and other change agents, uniquely positions him as a leader in the field. He brings with him an unparalleled level of enthusiasm and complexity to all the work he does.

As the Special Advisor to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Equity, recipient of the 2015 Social Innovator Award, and 2016 Open Society Institute Fellow. Dr. Shields has been studying, writing about, and implementing change in schools and non-profit organizations for years.

DONNA SHIMECK
Donna Shimeck is the Behavioral Health Administrator for The Human Service Center of Forest, Oneida and Vilas counties. Donna received her B.S. in Human Development/Psychology from UW-Green Bay and her MA in Counseling Psychology with Children and Adolescents from Boston College. Additionally, Donna holds a Licensed Clinical Social Worker credential from the State of Wisconsin.

In 2010, Donna began working for The Human Service Center, bringing with her over 25 years of experience in Human Service Delivery and a strong emphasis on recovery-oriented care to empower people of all ages throughout their journey in life. Donna is dedicated to leading her Behavioral Health team in providing high quality of care to the citizens of Forest, Oneida and Vilas counties who need Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services.

KRISTEN SLACK
Kristen Slack, Ph.D., is a Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is the Co-P.I. of the School of Social Work’s Public Child Welfare Title IV-E Training Program, and the P.I. of the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System, the organization charged with training the State’s public child welfare workforce. She is an Affiliate of the Institute for Research on Poverty, the Center on Financial Security, and the Institute of Clinical and Translational Research, and teaches courses in child abuse and neglect, child welfare systems, and social policy. Dr. Slack’s research is focused on evaluating efforts to prevent child maltreatment.
JUSTIN SZEW

Justin has 17 years of experience working with high school age students, with 8 years at Rhinelander High School and 9 years at Lakeland Union High School. During his tenure at Lakeland Union High School, the absenteeism rate has gone from over 23% in 2011-12 to under 10% in 2017. LUHS was awarded the 2016-17 State Spirit of Excellence Award by the Wisconsin Association of Student Councils and the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators.

TERESA STEINMETZ

Teresa serves as the Children, Youth and Families Section Chief within the Bureau of Prevention, Treatment & Recovery, Division of Care and Treatment Services, Wisconsin Department of Health Services overseeing children, youth and families mental health and substance use programming in Wisconsin.

CLARK THELEMANN

Clark Thelemann began his career as an Associate Administrator/QMRP of a 42 bed residential care facility for adults and children with severe and profound developmental disabilities. From there, Clark chose to pursue a career in law enforcement where he worked as a police officer in the City of Platteville for 5 years. While working at the police department he became interested in changing his role, focusing on creating lasting change within families. This led him to applying at the Grant County Department of Social Services. Clark worked as an ongoing case manager for 2 years and was then promoted to the role of Social Work Supervisor a position he has held for the last 7 years.

ALI TREVINO-MURPHY

Ali Treviño-Murphy is a Restorative Justice Manager at the YWCA Madison and a member of the Dane Restorative Justice Coalition. She earned her masters of social work from UW-Madison specializing in education and advocacy. She is also a co-owner of Villari’s Martial Arts Cooperative in downtown Madison where she teaches martial arts, kickboxing and self-defense to all ages and ability levels.

JEREMY TRIBLETT

Jeremy Triblett is a national speaker and facilitator on youth development with an emphasis on out of school time program development. Mr. Triblett began his career as an Americorps Public Allie in 2007 as Program Coordinator of Urban Underground. He became experienced at building after school programs, mentoring teens and facilitate youth led community initiatives. In 2013 Mr. Triblett became the Director of Training Technical Assistance at the Center for Youth Engagement where has facilitated more than 1000 hours of content at national conferences, for public officials and state wide institutions. In his current role he facilitates more than 20 out of school time organizations through the nationally recognized Youth Program Quality Initiative. Providing coaching, training and technical assistance related to program development, youth development and staff development.

As an ordained minister and motivational speaker, Jeremy recognizes the important of self efficacy and has dedicated his life and work to empowering others to be their best selves daily.

JOHN TUELL

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. The National Resource Center focuses on practice and policy reform through an active commitment to partnerships with state, local and federal agencies dedicated to improving the lives of our nation’s youth.

Mr. Tuell has devoted his entire professional career to practice within and reform on behalf of the juvenile justice and related youth serving systems. Mr. Tuell began his career in the Fairfax County, Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court by working as a probation, intake and residential group care worker and manager from 1979-1996. Mr. Tuell then served in the U.S. Department of Justice (1996-2001) during which time he served as the Deputy Director of the State Relations and Assistance Division in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). He also served as the Director of the newly created Juvenile Justice Division at the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) from 2001-2009. Mr. Tuell then began his affiliation with the Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps, providing consultation, technical assistance and training in juvenile justice, child welfare and multi-system reform and quality improvement until his appointment to his current position in January 2013.

ERIC WEAVER

Eric Weaver is a 20 year veteran of the human service industry with demonstrated success in working with some of Wisconsin’s most challenging youth. He has worked to foster improved academic outcomes, develop more effective methods of case management, increase collaboration across systems, and advocate for culturally sensitive and trauma informed practices. As the Director of Court Ordered Services with Running Rebels Community Organization, Eric was recognized as one of the chief architects of the Milwaukee County Accountability Program, and developing a well rounded service continuum that continued that keep youth engaged and experiencing success well beyond the length of their court order through increased use and collaboration with existing community based services. Since joining Lad Lake in October, Eric has been charged with increasing the agency’s level of community engagement for the purpose of supporting more successful outcomes for youth returning from out of home care, and improving community connections for youth aging out of foster care.
HUGH WING
Hugh Wing has been employed in the Human Service field for over 25 years, including 15 years in Dane County. His career has focused on supporting youth as they make the transition from adolescence to adulthood through experiential educational opportunities, employment, and service learning programming. In addition to his current duties as the Youth Job Center Coordinator at Briarpatch, he has worked with the agency as the Coordinator of its Intensive Supervision Program. Hugh has also served as the Seed to Table Manager/TEENworks program coordinator with Goodman Community Center; Volunteer Coordinator & Service Learning instructor in Denmark, and consultant for several youth & service agencies in Fiji. Hugh is a member of the steering committee with the Dane County Youth Resource Network, a founding member of the Youth Employment Network of Greater Madison, and has served as the Youth Board facilitator for Dane County Department of Human Services.

TYLER YOUNG
In small communities, developing at-risk youth programming is a challenge because those involved in prevention planning typically wear many other hats. Prevention planning is time-intensive and requires good partnerships in order to reach consensus on programming. In addition, evidenced-based programs are often costly and difficult for smaller communities to afford. In this presentation, panelists from Vilas and Oneida Counties will discuss how they collaborated to expand an existing truancy task force and school-based truancy program, and also how they were able to pool funding from several different sources to bring in a train-the-trainer for the evidenced-based Coping And Support Training (CAST) curriculum.