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Sharon McDonald is a Senior Fellow for Families and Children at the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Before joining the Alliance in 2001, Sharon was the 1999/2000 National Association of Social Workers/Council on Education Congressional Fellow. She completed the Fellowship in Senator Paul Wellston's office where she focused on welfare and housing issues. Sharon has supervisory and direct practice experience working in a drop-in community service center that helped people experiencing homelessness get connected to critical survival and support services. Sharon holds an MSW and Ph.D. in Social Work and Social Policy from Virginia Commonwealth University.



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Michael worked seven years at a non-profit in varying capacities, three years of which were as the Program Director of the Transitional Housing program for men. Michael has worked for twenty-three years with the Judicial Branch, managing several different programs including adult residential programs, electronic monitoring, sex offender treatment, DNA collection, Jail Re-Interview. He has played an instrumental role in the development of the Housing Survey and serves on the Reaching Home Prevention workgroup. Michael holds a B.S. for Fairfield University and has an MPA from the University of New Haven.



Tasha Hunt,
Deputy Director of Juvenile Probation Services, State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division

Ms. Tasha M. Hunt is the Deputy Director of Juvenile Probation Services for the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division. She started her career with the Judicial Branch nearly 25 years ago as a Juvenile Probation Officer. In 2009, she was appointed to the position of Juvenile Probation Supervisor II and rose through the ranks to become the Deputy Director. Ms. Hunt is responsible for the management and operations of the twelve Juvenile Probation offices across Connecticut. She is committed to the integration of evidence-based practices in probation offices to improve outcomes for court-involved youth and has played an integral role in Connecticut's reform of the juvenile justice system which has led to progressive change and the state acquiring recognition as a national model. In addition to managing field offices, Ms. Hunt serves as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Interstate Compact for Juveniles; with oversight of the administration and management of the state's federally mandated supervision and transfer of juveniles on probation and parole who move across state lines or run away to another state. She also co-leads the Interstate Compact for Juveniles Ad Hoc Committee for Racial Justice.

Ms. Hunt earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and a Master of Science Degree in Education from Southern Connecticut State University. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of New Haven in the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences.



Sheron Green

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Ms. Sheron Green began her career with the Judicial Branch almost 20 years ago as an Adult Probation Officer, compelled to pursue her passion for working with young people she transferred to the Juvenile Services Division as a Juvenile Probation Officer a few years later. She is currently the Juvenile Matters Supervisor of the Stamford, CT office. As a Juvenile Matters Supervisor, Ms. Green leads a dedicated team of Juvenile Probation Officers as they provide direct services to court-involved juveniles and their families. A priority for Ms. Green is that her staff deliver services to young people using a Best Practice Approach; inclusive of community resources and supports that can assist with effecting lasting, positive change. Ms. Green has supported the Judicial Branch in several of its efforts to accommodate the gains made by the state of Connecticut with Juvenile Justice Reform by being a member of policy review committees and various workgroups. She is presently the after-hours on-call Juvenile Matters Supervisor for the South Central and Western Regions of the State. A position that exists as a result of the closing of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS). Ms. Green represents the Branch at the state level as a member of the Youth Homelessness Systems Taskforce and she maintains a working partnership with many community stakeholders at the local level where she has collaborated on issues resulting from school-based arrests, and truancy to name a few. Ms. Green earned her Bachelors of Science Degree in Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice from Eastern Connecticut State University. She is also an alumna of the Tow Youth Justice Leadership Development Program, University of New Haven



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Naomi oversees member relations and development, fundraising and grant management, and CJJ's initiatives in government relations, leadership development, juvenile justice reform, communications, and training and technical assistance. During her tenure at CJJ Naomi has spearheaded the organization's federal policy work and served as co-chair of the Act4JJ Coalition. She has assisted State Advisory Groups in their pursuit to build their capacity as change agents and worked with youth members to improve relationships between law enforcement and the communities in which they work. Prior to CJJ, Naomi represented young people in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia in juvenile court proceedings and special education matters. Before attending law school, Naomi worked as a print journalist for nearly a decade, amassing nearly a dozen awards for her news coverage. She received her J.D. from the University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law, and her B.S. from Christopher Newport University.



Ken Mysogland
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While growing up in a family with 8 adopted brothers and sisters, Ken Mysogland has witnessed the negative effects of childhood trauma on a first-hand basis. Due to these experiences, his decision to follow his passion to work in Child Protective Services became quite easy. For the past 31 years, Ken has worked for the State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families. He currently holds the position of Bureau Chief of External Affairs. As an Executive Team member, his responsibilities include oversight of the Department's Communications Division, Legislative work and the Office of Community Relations. Ken also serves in the role as co-lead of the Department's planning efforts towards the development of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) prevention plan. Ken has spoken on a national level regarding his knowledge and experience with kinship care. He has presented in 8 different states and was honored to give keynote addresses in both Indiana and Michigan. He has written three articles regarding his work. Ken has also acted as a consultant to the public Child Protective Services Agencies in the District of Columbia and the State of Rhode Island. He received his Master's in Social Work Degree from Columbia University and has been on the faculty at both Sacred Heart University for the past 24 years and Post University for approximately 10 years.



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JoShonda Guerrier, MSW is a certified public manager with more than two decades of social services experience. She leads with integrity, personal and collegial accountability, and a commitment to excellence. As an administrator for the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF), JoShonda leads the Clinical Division responsible for the state's implementation of programs and services for children's mental health, substance use disorders, behavioral health services for adolescents and teens, voluntary care management, intimate partner violence, therapeutic foster care, and anti-human trafficking services for youth. Additionally, she co-leads Connecticut's statewide implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, federal legislation enacted to reform child welfare financing to support families in their communities using evidence-based programming. Prior to joining Connecticut's DCF, JoShonda served as Florida's Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare.



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Angie Matthis brings over 15 years of experience in community health and wellness to the Greater Waterbury Health Partnership (GWHP). GWHP is an innovative collaborative non-profit Partnership between hospitals, health departments and districts, community health centers and community organizations. Appointed as Executive Director of the Partnership in 2019, Angie has grown the organization from a team of 1.5 staff to 8 full time and 2 part time staff and more than tripled its operating budget in just 2 years. Angie manages all fiscal oversight of the Partnership, grant writing, contracts, reporting and program implementation, strategic planning and initiatives, and the Community Health Needs Assessment. Her passion for community well-being is conveyed through her previous work developing and onboarding chronic disease programs with the YMCA and managing a large staff team working at multiple locations. Angie has both a BFA and an MFA in fine art and serves on the Mattatuck Museum's Collection Committee, chairs the Waterbury Public Art Committee and serves on several project advisory committees in the City.



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Leslie S. Swiderski, RN, LCSW is a clinical social worker in Waterbury, Connecticut. As a clinical social worker, she specializes in panic disorder and separation anxiety disorder in addition to other conditions. She is currently working with the Greater Waterbury Health Partnership as the Associate Director of Case Management and oversees the Waterbury Health Access Program and Waterbury Community Care Team. Leslie provides clinical support and collaborative partner engagement on Waterbury's first and only cross-sector Community Care Team with over 35 partners. With over 30 years of patient experience, Leslie holds an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Naugatuck Valley Community college, Bachelor's Degree in Health and Human Services from Charter Oak College and a Master's in Social Work from Boston College. By combining her skills in emergency room nursing with her knowledge as a crisis intervention clinician, she and her team of case managers coordinate care for the area's most vulnerable, always with a caring heart and open mind.