



4TH ANNUAL

LINC Conference

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 2025

8:00 am PST – 4:00 pm PST

Green River College, Auburn, Washington

Focusing on youth impacted by community violence and/or the juvenile legal system, the LINC Conference brings together experts representing education, justice, and community from across the region who will provide new information, training, and development to professionals and community members who support young people in their pursuit of successful life transformation.



WELCOME

ABOUT CCYJ

At CCYJ, we are reimagining how the child welfare and youth justice systems can better support our children and young people regardless of their race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or background. We are a diverse and multidisciplinary team, with team members personally touched by the child welfare and youth justice systems and staff with professional systems experience, working upstream to ensure that kids get the equitable support needed to thrive. Every year we help improve the lives of 50,000 young people.

For more information, please visit www.ccyj.org.

ABOUT LINC

LINC (Leadership, Intervention, and Change) is comprised of representatives from regional agencies, including social service providers, law enforcement, probation, employment, outreach, and other applicable organizations. LINC team members work to implement the Social Intervention and Opportunities Provision strategies of the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model designed to prevent and reduce group/gang activity and community violence. LINC provides coordinated services and team-based case management to the intervention population and identifies additional prevention and intervention activities needed in the community. Participation in LINC Multidisciplinary Intervention Teams increases the effectiveness of service provision, reduces duplication of efforts, increases access to needed services, and strengthens cross systems collaboration. The team-based approach of LINC helps ensure that all agencies working with LINC clients have a common goal and shared strategies for each client, as well as diversity in expertise and experience.

For more information, please visit www.ccyj.org/our-work/reducing-gang-violence



AGENDA

Friday, September 26, 2025

8:00 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast / Registration**

8:45 am – 10:00 am **Welcome, Big Room Talk**

Welcome

William (Billy) Hairston, Impact Team Director, CCYJ

Morning Blessing

Pastor Terrance Proctor, Senior Pastor, Church By The Side Of The Road

Understanding of Health and Wellness Structures for Community, Systems, and Youth Success

David Lewis, Psychologist and Affiliate Clinical Professor, University of Washington

10:00 – 10:10 am **Transition**

10:10 am – 11:00 am **Breakout Session 1**

Salish Hall, Room 152	Pine Room	Noble Room	Salish Hall, Room 254
<p>Why It Takes Lived Expertise to Walk with People Through Reentry</p> <p>Jim Chambers, Recruitment and Retention Manager, WELD Seattle</p>	<p>Tools to Prevent Youth Gun Violence in Washington State</p> <p>Mike McIntyre, <i>Director of Government Affairs, Alliance for Gun Responsibility</i></p> <p>Isaiah Lenard, <i>Community Organizer for the Alliance for Gun Responsibility</i></p>	<p>Understanding CSEC: Building Foundations for Support, Safety, and Systems Change</p> <p>Chelsea Olsen, <i>CSEC Advocates, OPS</i></p> <p>Krystle Haga, <i>Program Coordinator, OPS</i></p> <p>Keiosha Scott, <i>CSEC Youth Advocate, OPS</i></p>	<p>From Streets to Strength: Community Intervention Through Mentors and Family Centered Engagement</p> <p>Jesse Campos, <i>Executive Director, El Puente</i></p> <p>Frank Gomez, <i>Credible Messenger Mentor, El Puente</i></p>

Salish Hall, Room 159	Willow Room	Salish Hall, Room 155
<p>Washington State Legislation & Advocacy 101: A Tool to Transform Community Violence Intervention</p> <p>Nicholas Oakley, <i>Senior Director, Public Policy, TTA, & Capacity Building, CCYJ</i></p> <p>Giannina Ferrara, <i>Policy & TTA Manager, CCYJ</i></p> <p>Madison Ray, <i>Policy and Communications Intern, CCYJ</i></p>	<p>Reimagining Resilience: Understanding Trauma & Creating Safer Environments</p> <p>Aaron Norikane, <i>Facilitator, BELONG Partners</i></p>	<p>Choosing Possibilities: Overview of CHOOSE 180's Young Adult Diversion Program</p> <p>Allie Steinberg, <i>Diversion Workshop Coordinator, CHOOSE 180</i></p>
<p>Youth – Track, Emerald City Room</p>		
<p>Your Health, Your Community: Understanding Wellness Systems for Youth</p> <p>David Lewis, Psy D. LMHC</p> <p><i>Psychologist and Affiliate Clinical Professor, University of Washington</i></p>		

11:00 – 11:10 am **Transition**

11:10 am – 12:00 pm **Breakout Session 2**

Salish Hall, Room 152	Pine Room	Salish Hall, Room 155	Salish Hall, Room 158
<p>Implementing and Evaluating a Gang Intervention Program</p> <p>Bill Leon, <i>President, Geo Education & Research</i></p> <p>Lorraine Stone, <i>Executive Director, The Big Homie Mentoring Program</i></p>	<p>Uncuffed: Breaking the System's Casting Call</p> <p>Dr. Conrad Webster, <i>Ed.D, CEO Black Boy Heal</i></p>	<p>From Risk to Resilience: Culturally Matched Healing and Diversion Pathways for Black African Youth</p> <p>Emmanuella Shasha, <i>Director of Global Initiatives and Development, Congolese Integration Network</i></p> <p>Francoise Milinganyo Wanyimba, <i>Executive Director, Congolese Integration Network</i></p>	<p>Transforming Futures: CVI Ecosystem Building to Reducing Youth Group or Gang Violence</p> <p>William Hairston, <i>Impact Team Director, CCYJ</i></p> <p>Afsaneh Haddadian, <i>Impact Team Associate Director, CCYJ</i></p>

Salish Hall, Room 159	Willow Room	Salish Hall, Room 254
<p>A Brief Introduction to the Labor Trafficking of Minors Morgan Silverman, <i>Director of Programs – Innovations, CCYJ</i> Emily Nicewonger, <i>Associate Director of Programs, CCYJ</i></p>	<p>The Way Forward: A four part approach to working with gang-involved youth Samantha Decker, <i>Program Coordinator, Walk About Yakima</i> Luiz Razo, <i>Mentor, Walk About Yakima</i></p>	<p>Girlhood Interrupted: Reclaiming the Narrative for BIPOC Girls in the Justice System Kechi Amaefule, <i>Executive Director and Founder, Mothers Impacting Lives Every Day (MILE)</i></p>
Youth – Track, Emerald City Room		
<p>An Alternative to Youth Detention: Community Care Home Model-Impacted Youth Speak Jawara McDuffie, <i>Special Projects Manager, King County Executive Office</i> Ken Nsimbi, <i>Care First Special Projects Manager, King County Executive Office</i></p>		
Youth – Track, Noble Room		
<p>Community Violence Legal Network Amber Goodwin, <i>Co-founder, Community Violence Legal Network (CVLN)</i></p>		

12:00 – 12:45 pm

Lunch / Tabling

12:45 – 2:00 pm

Panel

Women Leading Change: Confronting Violence, Building Hope

Introduction by: *Rachel Sottile, President & CEO, CCYJ*

Co-moderator: *Fredricka “Freddie” Pie, Associate Director of Impact Programs, CCYJ*

Co-moderator: *Eleuthera Lische, Director, King County Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention*

Shantel Patu, Executive Director, Urban Family

Charmaine Madden, Director of Community Engagement and Partnerships, Community Passageways

LaTanya Horace Dubois, Executive Director, Silent Task Force

Kathleen Harvey, Executive Director, Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention

Sheriff Patti Cole-Tindall, Sheriff, King County

Samantha Decker, Program Coordinator, Walk About Yakima

Nature Carter, Program Manager, Gender-Based Violence Specialized Services, YWCA Seattle

2:00 – 2:10 pm

Transition

2:10 – 3:00 pm

Breakout Session 3

Salish Hall, Room 158	Salish Hall, Room 159	Salish Hall, Room 155
<p>Concerning Youth Substance Abuse Trends John Holbrook, <i>Director of Security, Renton School District</i></p>	<p>What is Credible Messengers Sareya Milton, <i>Marketing and Public Relations Manager, Progress Pushers</i> Eddie Purpose, <i>Executive Director, Progress Pushers</i> Jeremy Winzer, <i>Outreach Lead, Progress Pushers</i></p>	<p>An Alternative to Youth Detention: Community Care Home Model Jawara McDuffie, <i>Special Projects Manager, King County Executive Office</i> Ken Nsimbi, <i>Special Projects Manager, Care First Team, King County Executive</i></p>
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<p>Mentoring Today’s Youth Pastor Shon Davis, <i>Senior Pastor, JITA City Church</i> Latrice Williams, <i>Mentor</i> Joshua Harris, <i>Spokane Public Schools Department of Family and Community Engagement</i></p>	<p>Hospital Violence Intervention: A state-wide approach Laura Johnson, <i>Program Manager, Harborview’s Violence Intervention and Prevention Program</i></p>	<p>Breaking Youth Violence and Juvenile Legal System Cycles with THINK.PLAN.FLY. Terrell Dorsey, <i>Founder, Unleash the Brilliance</i> Fatima Al Shihyib, <i>Student Youth Violence Leader</i></p>
Youth – Track, Emerald City Room		
<p>Building Stability: Integrating Financial Literacy into Youth Support and Family Reconciliation Work Clinton Taylor, <i>Founder/Executive Director, Your Money Matters Mentoring</i></p>		
Youth – Track, Pine Room		
<p>School Safety – The Student Experience Amber Wynn, <i>Washington School Safety Center Program Supervisor, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)</i></p>		

3:00 – 3:10 pm

Transition

3:10 – 4:00 pm

Plenary

Amber Goodwin, Co-founder, Community Violence Legal Network (CVLN)

LaTanya Horace Dubois, Executive Director, Silent Task Force

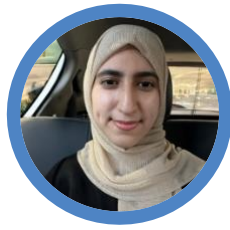
Lars Almquist, PhD Candidate, University of Washington School of Public Health

4:00 pm

Closing

Closing Statements

SPEAKER BIOS



Fatima Al Shihyib **Student Youth Violence Leader**

Fatima is a Running Start Student from Kentridge High School. Along with President of the Muslim Student Association, Club Secretary of the Nursing Club and Ambassador for the Rose Volunteering Club, Fatima is already on a Pre-Med track at Green River College.



Lars Almquist **PhD Candidate, University of Washington School of Public Health**

Lars is a PhD candidate at the University of Washington School of Public Health in the Department of Health Systems and Population Health researching the implementation of hospital-based violence intervention programs. A qualitative and mixed methodologist with training in implementation science, Lars' research interests lie at the intersection of community violence and public health, with an emphasis on engaging firearm violence as a health determinant of individuals and populations. Additional interests include the utilization of public health interventions to strengthen community resilience, reduce retaliatory violence, enhance criminal justice reforms, support refugee recovery from trauma, and mitigate the onset of civil war. Lars holds a master's degree in peace and justice studies from the Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego, as well as a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California-San Diego. Prior to beginning his PhD, Almquist served as an AmeriCorps VISTA where he helped resettling Iraqi refugee youth graduate from high school and pursue postsecondary or vocational education while they acculturate into their new homeland. He additionally worked as a grant writer for San Ysidro Health, a federally qualified health center serving more than 105,000 low-income patients in San Diego County. Lars has secured more than \$40 million in grants and revenue-generating contracts from federal, state, county, city, foundation, and individual donor sources. His previous research includes investigating the reciprocal association between youth housing instability and criminal legal involvement, a self-directed assessment of the peacebuilding effects of agricultural cooperatives in post-civil war rural Burundi, as well as serving as the Senior Research Assistant on a federally-funded project investigating the scale and scope of street gang involvement in sex trafficking in San Diego County.



Kechi Amaefule

Executive Director, Mothers Impacting Lives Every Day (MILE)

Kechi Amaefule is a radiant and relatable speaker, author, and certified life coach who inspires others to continue striving for greatness despite life's obstacles. Born in Seattle, WA and raised by her Nigerian parents, she was exposed to the idea that anything you want in this life is achievable with dedication, strategy, and resilience. This ideation kick started her mission to assist women and young girls in shifting their mindset to progress positively and it remains at the center of all that she does. In 2013, Kechi found herself pregnant in college, without stable support, and severely depressed. She went from being an honor roll student with a promising future, to living off government assistance and feeling hopeless with limited options and opportunities. With the birth of her first child in 2014 also came a burning desire to defeat her obstacles, tap into greatness within, and overcome the version of herself that believed her struggles defined her future. Today, Kechi lives in her purpose and exemplifies what can be accomplished when you make the decision to change your mind and take ownership of your life. Through speaking engagements, workshop curation/facilitation, and her work as the Executive Director and Founder of the nonprofit "Mothers Impacting Lives Every day (MILE)", she empowers women and young girls to break down barriers and begin their journey of self-improvement and personal development. Her message to all she encounters is to understand that although you may run into detours, you can still make it to your destination through healing, perseverance, and self-worth.



Jesse Campos

Executive Director, El Puente

Jesse Campos grew up as a pastor's kid but was exposed to the harsh realities of substance abuse and gang culture at an early age. By the age of nine, he was already involved with drugs, and by twelve, he had been fully immersed in gang culture. His journey took a drastic turn in 1995 when he made the decision to change his life, leading him down a path of redemption and purpose. Determined to break the cycle of violence and addiction, Jesse dedicated himself to gang intervention, substance abuse recovery, and community advocacy, using his lived experiences to reach those trapped in the same struggles he once faced. Over the years, Jesse has established three successful non-profit organizations in the Tri-Cities, focusing on youth intervention, family support, and empowering individuals on the margins of society. His leadership and dedication have built a vast network of partnerships across the region, earning him a strong reputation in the intervention and advocacy world. Through his work, he continues to impact countless lives, working directly with families, youth, and those in need, ensuring they have the resources and support to build a better future.



Nature Carter

Program Manager, Gender-Based Violence Specialized Services, YWCA Seattle

Nature Carter is a Seattle Native that grew up in Historical Central District, Yesler Terrace Housing Projects. She is a dynamic energetic leader, innovative program developer, powerful motivational speaker, extraordinary mentor, a wife, a mother, grandmother and simply an authentic amazing woman filled with heartfelt kindness. Nature is known for being the unheard voice for marginalized communities and leadership in reducing the demand of buyers, and providing exit pathways for commercially exploited adults and the intersections of violence work throughout Washington State for over 20 years. Her enriched personal lived experience, and professional career stands solid, as it was built with unwavering commitments with a wide range of diverse settings of nonprofits, from co-founding an organization, executive leadership to being on the front line providing direct culturally specific services. Today, Nature continues her tireless effort in sharing her struggle to success with humility, on many platforms, being a champion for change, mobilizing marginalized underserved black communities to raise awareness about the intersections of violence and lift up the silenced voices of survivors.



Jim Chambers

Recruitment and Retention Manager, WELD Seattle

Jim Chambers served 23 years in prison before being released on clemency in April 2021. During his incarceration, he developed and led parenting programs designed to help fathers remain engaged in their children's lives while teaching the importance of positive, consistent parental involvement. Since his release, Jim has continued his commitment to advocacy and community impact. He is an active member of the Children of Incarcerated Parents Coalition and was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Advisory Board for the Office of Public Defense. He is also a dedicated member of the Voting Rights Restoration Coalition. Jim works tirelessly to support incarcerated individuals fighting for their freedom and is actively engaged in efforts to improve prison conditions across Washington State. Beyond his advocacy, Jim is a devoted father who understands firsthand the generational impacts of incarceration and is committed to breaking that cycle.



Sheriff Patti Cole-Tindall

Sheriff, King County

Patti Cole-Tindall was appointed in May 2022 by Executive Constantine and confirmed by the County Council as the 35th Sheriff of King County. Before her previous promotion to Undersheriff, in the summer of 2020, Patti served as the Chief of the Technical Services Division for almost five years. Prior to joining the King County Sheriff's Office in October of 2015, Cole-Tindall served as the director of the King County Office of Labor Relations for six years. Patti's previous experiences include serving as an internal affairs investigator for the County's Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, and an assistant director of that department's Community Corrections Division. At the state Employment Security Department, she was responsible for the regional investigative program that detected fraud and theft of unemployment benefits. She was also a special agent for the Washington State Gambling Commission, and completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. More recently, she served as a key advisor to the King County Executive and County Council on strategic planning, labor policy development and employment law as the Director of Labor Relations. She concurrently served as the interim director of the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO), working with staff, the Sheriff's Office, and the public to improve services and promote awareness of the role of civilian oversight in King County. While she was Undersheriff, Cole-Tindall was responsible for the day to day operations of the Sheriff's Office together with the team of three Division Chiefs. She oversaw the development and implementation of the King County Sheriff's Office Strategic Plan and examination and strengthening of the Sheriff's Office complaint and use of force review processes. Patti enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and her two sons.



Pastor Shon Davis

Senior Pastor, JITA City Church

Pastor Shon Davis, a native of Compton, California, relocated to Spokane, Washington in the early 1990s. He currently serves as the Senior Pastor of JITA City Church and Program Director of *Mentoring Today's Youth*. As the founder of multiple nonprofit organizations serving at-risk youth and young adults, Pastor Shon has been a consistent bridge builder, creating transformational opportunities and life-changing experiences for many. His leadership has fostered positive relationships between communities and government institutions, advancing a collective approach to building healthy and equitable communities. With more than 35 years of experience in youth gang intervention and prevention — spanning from the streets of Compton to Spokane — Pastor Shon brings deep knowledge, lived experience, and proven strategies to his work. A passionate advocate for youth and young adults, Pastor Shon is guided by the conviction that service, rooted in humility and integrity, produces sustainable and positive outcomes.



Samantha Decker

Program Coordinator, Walk About Yakima

Sam Decker joined the Walk About Yakima team as Program Coordinator in 2023. With a varied background that includes small business management and public education, she leverages an eclectic skill set and a desire to empower youth to keep the WAY program running smoothly behind-the-scenes. When not at work, you can find her training for endurance sports or jumping out of airplanes.



Terrell Dorsey

Founder, Unleash the Brilliance

Growing up, Terrell faced many of the issues he works to help youth through today. Surrounded by an unhealthy group of peers and the pressures of growing up, Dorsey struggled with addiction. He dropped out of high school and spent a period of time in the prison system. Looking back on his prison time, and learning that a disproportionate number of prison inmates are high school drop outs, Dorsey realized he had to figure out a way to enact change. Unleash the Brilliance was born. At its core, Unleash the Brilliance believes that everyone has a brilliance inside of them that needs to be encouraged to flourish. We believe the best way to nourish this brilliance is to divert students from at risk behaviors by teaching decision making tools that allow them to reflect and self motivate based on positive values and future goals. We help them learn skills to successfully navigate pitfalls associated with negative peer pressure, bullying, substance abuse, and a host of other at-risk factors and behaviors. Our objective is to prepare students to confront these difficult issues with a toolkit to overcome obstacles that can compromise a student's ability to attend school and obtain a high school diploma.



Giannina Ferrara

Policy & TTA Manager, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)

Giannina Ferrara is the Policy & TTA Manager at the Center for Children and Youth Justice (CCYJ). CCYJ's mission is to create better lives for generations of children and youth by reforming the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Prior to this role, Giannina was a Policy and Program Assistant working on surveying state agencies, nonprofits, and other youth centered organizations to understand the policies, procedures, training, and systems regarding commercially sexually exploited children. Since this role, she has worked in a variety of focus areas that include the child welfare system, juvenile justice system, as well as youth homelessness and behavioral health. Key aspects of her work include new initiative research, policy tracking, coalition coordinating, and implementation analysis, all which have been done in partnership with other advocates. Giannina received her graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health from the University of Washington. Prior to CCYJ, she has worked in health research and analysis, and coordinating care and services for families.



Frank Gomez

Credible Messenger Mentor, El Puente

Frank Gomez grew up in the heart of Los Angeles, where gang life, drug addiction, and incarceration became a constant cycle in his early years. As a drug dealer and addict, he experienced the harsh realities of street life, surviving five gunshot wounds and numerous stints behind bars. Seventeen years ago, Frank made a life-changing decision to break free from his past and dedicate himself to helping others escape the same destructive path he once walked. Since his transformation, Frank has worked tirelessly to support individuals seeking a second chance. As the former Executive Director of Adult and Teen Challenge, he played a key role in guiding people through residential drug recovery. Now, as a Credible Messenger mentor with El Puente, he uses his lived experience to connect with at-risk youth, offering guidance, hope, and real solutions. His passion for change drives him to help individuals rewrite their stories and build brighter futures.



Amber Goodwin

Co-founder of the Community Violence Legal Network (CVLN)

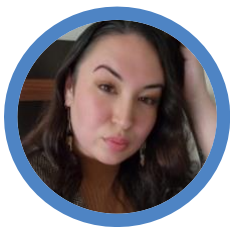
Amber Goodwin is the co-founder of the Community Violence Legal Network (CVLN) and an Assistant District Attorney in Travis County, Texas, where she oversees gun violence policy and as liaison to Austin’s Office of Violence Prevention. A nationally recognized strategist and advocate, Amber has over two decades of experience at the intersection of racial justice, movement building, and public policy. She is the founding director of the Community Justice Action Fund, a Black and Brown-led gun violence prevention organization, where under her leadership (2016–2021), over \$1.9 billion in state and local funding was directed toward community violence intervention (CVI) programs. Her federal advocacy helped shift \$12 billion in grant priorities across five agencies, and she testified in the first-ever House Judiciary hearing on urban gun violence in 2019. She also served on the Biden-Harris Transition Team as lead organizer for gun violence prevention. Amber previously held senior roles at Giffords, Enroll America, and multiple national campaigns. She is also an adjunct law professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law and a former chair of the Austin Gun Violence Task Force, where she helped launch and fund the city’s first Office of Gun Violence Prevention. Recognized by *Essence*, *The Root*, and *The Washingtonian*, Amber’s work has been featured in *Vogue*, *Forbes*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *The Grio*.



Afsaneh Haddadian

Impact Team Associate Director, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)

Afsaneh is Associate Director of Impact at the Center for Children and Youth Justice (CCYJ). Her experiences include leading the design, implementation, and evaluation of initiatives aimed at promoting equity in areas such as community development, civic engagement, and gender equity within the nonprofit sector and local government. She is an educator with experience teaching interdisciplinary social sciences through the University of Washington’s Professional and Continuing Education program. She holds a master’s degree in Political Science from Wright State University and a PhD in International Studies from the University of Washington.



Krystle Haga

Program Coordinator, OPS

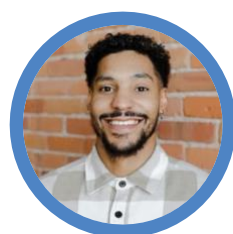
Krystle Haga is a Survivor Leader, an enrolled member of the Coeur D’Alene Tribe, and the Program Coordinator at OPS. She entered this life at 13 years old, becoming a victim of familial trafficking, and remained in that lifestyle until her 30s. Growing up in Tacoma, WA, Krystle has survived various forms of violence. When she began her work in the field, she drew on her lived experiences to inspire and motivate her career. “This is so much more than just work for me; it’s about doing what I know for the community I cherish.” Krystle has collaborated with numerous tribes across the Northwest region and is trained in intimate partner violence and sexual assault. She considers it an honor to support survivors. “I enjoy working at OPS, where the services and atmosphere are genuine. People can truly be themselves, and the services we offer are culturally appropriate and relevant for those we serve.”



William Hairston

Impact Team Director, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)

William Hairston studied at Adams State University. William has worked to support and partner with young people and their families, in several different roles, in both Washington state and Colorado. He spent time with Seattle Public Schools, first as an Intervention Specialist in one of the most high-need schools in the Seattle School District, then as a District Attendance Representative that oversaw and partnered with 33 Seattle schools to support attendance interventions and family engagement. William is also accomplished at developing young people and teams of adults that support young people and is currently the Director of Impact Programs with Center for Children and Youth Justice. The Impact programs include Youth LINC, the King County Group and Gang reduction model, as well as the Becca Taskforce, a statewide professional development group to support school engagement.



Joshua Harris

Spokane Public Schools Department of Family and Community Engagement

Born in 1996 on the west side of Washington in Lakewood, and raised partly in Tacoma’s Hilltop community, Joshua experienced firsthand the challenges of growing up in environments marked by drugs and violence. In 2003, Josh’s mother moved the family of four children to Spokane, Washington, seeking a fresh start. Their first home was a rehab house for women and children in Browne’s Addition — a place that marked the beginning of restoration and transformation for the family. Josh’s professional journey began with a heart for service. In 2017, while working at the MLK Jr. Food Bank on Spokane’s east side, he discovered a passion for serving youth and families facing adversity. Over the next seven years, he gained experience across a range of public service roles, including:

- Foster care support specialist for youth in behavioral rehabilitation homes
- Support specialist for developmentally disabled youth and adults
- City Life Director at Youth for Christ, serving the Hillyard community — one of Washington State’s poorest zip codes
- Current role with Spokane Public Schools’ Department of Family and Community Engagement (DFCE), supporting students facing high levels of adversity and crisis.

In his role at DFCE, Josh advocates for the Spokane Public Schools mission of *equity and excellence for all students*, implementing restorative practices, interventions, and mentorship that meet students exactly where they are. The transformative nature of serving vulnerable communities has deeply shaped Josh’s servant-leadership approach. His perspective is not detached from the struggles of his community, but rooted in intentional relationships and shared experiences. He believes that *a restored community is the result of a well-loved community* — one built through compassion, empathy, impartiality, and hope.



Kathleen Harvey

Executive Director, Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention

Kathleen Harvey is a visionary leader and lifelong advocate for wellness, justice, and community empowerment. As Executive Director of Washington's Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention, she champions bold, resilience-focused and healing-centered strategies to end gun violence—rooted in the wisdom and strengths of impacted communities. With over 30 years in public service, Kathleen has led transformative work in youth development, reentry, and racial equity. Her leadership bridges public policy and lived experience, creating space for hope, restoration, and lasting change. Kathleen believes that when women lead with courage and compassion, communities rise—a philosophy she has put into practice by mentoring emerging leaders and establishing programs that center women's voices in violence prevention efforts. Her contributions to the public safety field have been recognized with the Governor's Leadership in Management Award.



John Holbrook

Director of Security, Renton School District

John was born and raised in Shelton, WA before joining the Army and serving as an intelligence warrant officer. After service, John began working with school districts and currently serves as the Director of Security for Renton School District. John has over 18 years of experience in security, analysis, and emergency operations. The recipient of a Bronze Star and the Washington State Governor's Lifesaving Award, John brings a deep commitment to protecting school communities.



LaTanya Dubois Horace

Executive Director, Silent Task Force

LaTanya has worked in human services for over 20 years, managing, coordinating and creating programming for Black and brown communities of King County. She has worked in mainstream domestic violence agencies for 8 years, AA women and churches on breast and cervical health and screenings, STD/HIV/AIDS counseling, testing and referrals, and even volunteered as a Red Cross HIV/AIDS/blood borne pathogen trainer, and sat on the Black Leadership Council on HIV. She founded the Silent Task Force in 2009, when four AA advocates from mainstream agencies across the country came together to find a way to close some of the gaps around domestic violence in the Black community. Today, the Silent Task Force serves our youth and families on multiple levels from job readiness, case management, basic needs, mentoring, support groups for boys and girls, food security and so much more.



Laura Johnson

Program Manager, Harborview's Violence Intervention and Prevention Program

Laura is a licensed independent clinical social worker serving as the program manager for Harborview's Violence Intervention and Prevention Program. She has worked at Harborview Medical Center for over 14 years, and her clinical background includes hospital social work, emergency/trauma services, sexual assault, mental health, gun violence, and end of life care.



Isaiah Lenard

Community Organizer, Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Isaiah Lenard (he/him) is the Community Organizer for the Alliance for Gun Responsibility, where he connects communities across Washington State with education, resources, and opportunities to engage in gun violence prevention. Originally from Tacoma, Isaiah prioritizes showing up for underrepresented and underserved communities, partnering with local experts and community violence intervention organizations to create powerful, impactful events. He mobilizes volunteers and community members to support life-saving work through lockbox distributions, marches, and tabling opportunities, while also collaborating with partners across the state. Working alongside critical thought partners in each community, Isaiah helps create innovative solutions aimed at serving communities more effectively and reducing senseless gun violence across Washington. The work Isaiah leads is essential to the Alliance's success, ensuring the organization stays grounded in community needs and that its policies are implemented equitably and effectively.



Bill Leon

President, Geo Education & Research

Bill is President of Geo Education & Research, a consulting firm providing evaluation and social science research services. He is an experienced program evaluator who brings community development and empowerment approaches to his work. He conducts external evaluations and trains and coaches clients in nonprofits, Tribes, government agencies, schools, and foundations in all aspects of evaluation. His clients include the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, Wilburforce Foundation, the Brainerd Foundation, The Potlatch Fund, The Copper River Native Association, Safe Streets Campaign, Tacoma Housing Authority, Tacoma Public Schools, Communities in Schools, the University of Alaska – Ketchikan, the Washington Department of Health, and Reinvesting in Youth. Bill and his partner in Geo-Light, LLC also develop and manage online databases for ongoing processes of data collection, storage, analysis, and reporting. They allow organizations real-time access to outcome data for internal use and external reporting. See a short video description here. Bill developed his evaluation expertise and client-centered approaches while directing the Center for Community Development & Design at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs (a university outreach and community research center that blended service, education, and research activities for many types of community clients). Bill is active in environmental research and conservation efforts as a volunteer and as a professional and serves on the boards of a local homeless camp, a Seattle area environmental foundation, and an international community working on multiple aspects of human unity. He is also a writer who focuses on the expression of unity consciousness and oneness (see www.theonebook.world).



David Lewis, Psy D. LMHC

Clinical Psychologist and Affiliate Professor, University of Washington

David is a Psychologist and Affiliate Clinical Professor at the University of Washington where he lectures across multiple departments including; Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Adolescent Medicine, and Education. He additionally supports districts and organizations across the country with an intentional focus on creating the ideal conditions for teaching, learning, and positive youth outcomes. A primary area of support is with fidelity implementation of the Multi-Tiered System of Support Framework and Trauma Responsive Practices. You may have seen him as a featured contributor for Q13 news on matters related to schools and education, and Kiro News on a project that he provides support & trainings for with the Seattle Police Department called "Before the Badge."



Eleuthera Lische

Director, King County Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Eleuthera Lische (She/Her) is a violence prevention professional with over 27- years of experience developing, implementing, and bringing to scale cutting edge gun violence prevention, intervention, public safety, and community reconciliation programs, both nationally and internationally. Eleuthera serves as the inaugural director for the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention for Public Health-Seattle & King County. As a seasoned strategist, social change innovator, advocate for social justice, and champion for community safety and well-being, Eleuthera proudly supports grassroots to "grass tops" partnerships and emerging leaders. She has raised millions in funding/endowments for gun violence prevention programs and other services in Seattle and King County and has consulted to provide subject matter expertise in cities across the nation. She received a White House Champion for Change Award in 2012 for her work with the Dept. of Justice National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention and featured as a model "social change agent" in Paul Shoemaker's Can't Not Do, The Compelling Social Drive that Changes the World. Eleuthera is proud to be a member of the National Office of Prevention Directors Network. She is grateful for the giants whose shoulders the movement to prevent gun violence was built on and honored to work with communities and champions across the nation who strive to ensure that all communities, families, and individuals can live free of violence and thrive. Eleuthera was born in Puerto Rico and is the proud daughter of noted activist Arthur Lische and teacher Paula Lische. She lives with her husband of 30 years, Patrick Burningham, in Southeast Seattle, Washington.



Charmaine Madden

Director of Community Engagement and Partnerships, Community Passageways

I am a dedicated and passionate professional committed to designing and delivering impactful events that further the missions of nonprofit organizations. With proven expertise in event planning, project management, and team coordination, I drive initiatives that enhance fundraising efforts, increase awareness, and foster collaborative community engagement. I excel in budget management, stakeholder collaboration, and creating memorable experiences that leave a lasting positive impact.



Jawara McDuffie
Special Projects Manager, King County Executive Office

Jawara McDuffie is a Special Projects Manager at the King County Executive Office and served as the Care & Closure Community Partner Co-lead. With nearly 25 years of experience supporting system-impacted youth, his work spans from behavioral health, career exploration, and youth legal system transformation. After over a decade in direct service, he transitioned to systems change, beginning as the Zero Youth Detention Strategic Advisor at the Seattle Office for Civil Rights. He has since helped King County develop a set of recommendations to replace youth detention with community-based alternatives. Jawara is deeply committed to creating pathways in education, employment, and healing so that our youth who experience the greatest challenges in life can still thrive!



Mike McIntyre
Director of Government Affairs, Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Michael McIntyre serves as the Director of Government Affairs for the Alliance for Gun Responsibility, where he leads legislative advocacy and coalition-building efforts to advance gun violence prevention policies. Michael brings extensive experience working across multiple election cycles and legislative sessions. His advocacy has included key roles with the WA State Democratic Party to help pass Washington’s Initiative 1491 (Extreme Risk Protection Orders) and Initiative 1639 (the state’s most comprehensive gun law). Michael has also spearheaded get-out-the-vote efforts for the Alliance’s PAC in 2017 and organized lobby days in support of gun safety legislation in 2018. His expertise in policy advocacy and stakeholder engagement is instrumental in driving the Alliance’s mission forward.



Françoise Wanyimba Milinganyo
Executive Director, Congolese Integration Network (CIN-WA)

Françoise Milinganyo Wanyimba is the Executive Director of Congolese Integration Network (CIN-WA) in Washington State. Her career in social work began in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where she led economic empowerment and adult literacy programs for marginalized women in rural areas. After being displaced by conflict, Françoise resettled in the U.S., continuing her commitment to serving vulnerable communities. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Applied Behavioral Science from Seattle Central College and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Washington. Since joining CIN in 2016 as a board member and later becoming Managing Director in 2019, Françoise has led a growing team providing culturally responsive, wraparound services to Sub-Saharan African immigrants and refugees. Her leadership has been instrumental in building CIN’s trauma-informed programming for youth and families, and in advancing the organization’s mission to “educate, usher, and lead” toward a thriving community.



Sareya Milton

Marketing and Public Relations Manager, Progress Pushers

Sareya Milton is a Seattle native and dynamic leader dedicated to youth empowerment and community transformation. As the Marketing & Public Relations Manager at Progress Pushers, she amplifies the voices of young people, strengthens community partnerships, and drives initiatives that create real impact. Sareya believes this work is transformational from the inside out, shaping stronger individuals and a stronger community.



Emily Nicewonger

Associate Director of Programs, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)

Emily's background includes direct engagement with youth and families across systems; managing specialized, community-based case management programs; and leading homelessness prevention initiatives. Emily is passionate about working alongside communities to develop programs and systems that center and uplift the humanity, experiences, and voices of children and families.



Aaron Norikane

Facilitator, BELONG Partners

Aaron Norikane (he/him) has been pushing to transform our education systems (both in schools and in our communities) for young people in the Seattle area for over 30 years. He has been a tireless advocate for building communities that heal and tearing down systems that harm young people. Working as an after school provider, program director, substitute teacher, ESD board director and various other roles has given him the opportunity to see how strong communities built around People and not Profit, open up a world of possibility. Aaron joined the BELONG Partners team in 2016. As a Facilitator, he helps educators and community members build spaces where young people have agency, power, and learn new ways of being in community. He feels extremely grateful to be in a profession that aligns with his values. When he was young, Aaron always thought he would be an architect or airline pilot or ideally an NBA player. Never once did he think he would get over his intense fear of public speaking to take on a job where he facilitates workshops with audiences as big as 300 people. A lifelong Seattleite, Aaron finds his greatest source of joy in watching his two children learn, grow and giggle. His colleagues describe him as passionate, caring, and continually pushing to make our systems better. By the end of his career, Aaron hopes that he will have helped shift the education system away from producing consumers and laborers... and towards producing communities that center humanity and hope.



Ken Nsimbi

Special Projects Manager, Care First Team, King County Executive

Ken is a Special Projects Manger with the Care First team in office of the King County Executive. Born and raised in Nairobi, Ken’s experience as a first-generation immigrant is his driving force to promoting equality for all and the fair redistribution of power and status to marginalized populations. He has over 25 years of experience working with youth and young adults and has had many roles as a community leader including serving on the Seattle Human Rights Commission. He has also served on the board of directors for New Horizons Ministries, World Relief Seattle, Boys and Girls Club of Bellevue and Washington Aerospace Scholarship Foundation. He has a strong commitment to race and social justice and is adept at forming partnerships with community leaders to affect change.



Nicholas Oakley

Senior Director, Public Policy, TTA, & Capacity Building, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)

Nicholas Oakley is Senior Director, Public Policy, TTA, & Capacity Building at the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ). Nicholas’ work is based on close partnerships with juvenile justice, child welfare, and homeless youth service systems across Washington. He convenes policy-makers, leaders, and front line workers from all of these sectors and uses collaborative strategies to develop proposed reforms to policy and practice, coordinates the pilot implementation of the reforms, and advocates for widespread adoption of the reforms once they have been tested and evaluated. Nicholas also provides training on LGBTQIA+ youth to various stakeholders across Washington and the US. Prior to joining CCYJ, Nicholas worked at a Seattle law firm representing children, youth, and families in juvenile offender, dependency, education, domestic, and criminal matters. He also served as a lecturer in the University of Washington School of Law Child and Youth Advocacy Clinic. Nicholas holds a JD from the University of Washington School of Law and a BA from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Between entering law school and completing his undergraduate degree, he spent four years as an educator, two of which were as a Peace Corps volunteer. (1051 characters). Nicholas Oakley, JD, is Director of Policy, TTA, & Capacity Building at the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ). Nicholas’ work is based on close partnerships with juvenile justice, child welfare, and homeless youth service systems across Washington. He convenes policy-makers, leaders, and front line workers from all of these sectors and uses collaborative strategies to develop proposed reforms to policy and practice, coordinates the pilot implementation of the reforms, and advocates for widespread adoption of the reforms once they have been tested and evaluated.



Chelsea Olsen

CSEC Advocates, OPS

Chelsea serves as a key member of the OPS team, dedicated to supporting survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) aged 11-24. In her role, she is involved in a broad range of responsibilities, including the development and management of CSEC programs, providing one-on-one advocacy, engaging in community outreach, offering mentorship and supervision to CSEC Advocates, and providing survivor-centered consultation to agencies and caregivers. Additionally, Chelsea works collaboratively with community partners to improve accessibility to supportive services for survivors. Chelsea has been with OPS since 2018, initially joining as a CSEC Advocate and later transitioning to roles focused specifically on CSEC advocacy. She is now living her professional dreams of developing and implementing a youth-specific program designed to offer survivor-centered support to young individuals experiencing CSEC in the community. Guided by her commitment to empowerment, Chelsea creates a safe and supportive space for survivors, helping them realize their dreams and ensuring they are seen and heard. As a survivor of CSEC herself, Chelsea draws from her lived experience to both empower those she serves and advocate for the inclusion of survivor voices in decision-making processes within the community. Chelsea has worked in the substance use disorder (SUD) recovery and social services sector since 2014, gaining valuable experience as a case manager in residential SUD treatment, where she worked with adolescents and young adults. She has also served at-risk youth in emergency shelter settings, providing crisis intervention and youth counseling. Chelsea is a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) and a Certified Arise Interventionist (CAI). Chelsea was awarded the annual King County CSEC Task Force Spotlight on Excellence award in 2022 for her advocacy work supporting youth experiencing CSEC in the community.



Shantel Patu

Executive Director, Urban Family

Shantel Patu is a recognized community leader with over 25 years of experience empowering youth and families in the Greater Seattle area. As the co-founder and Executive Director of Urban Family, she provides collaborative leadership and innovative programs addressing systemic issues like poverty, gang violence, and oppression. Shantel's holistic approach, driven by an intuitive understanding of individual needs, has led to life-changing outcomes for countless families. Beyond her impactful work at Urban Family, Shantel is a Gottman Institute writer, life coach, entrepreneur, and lifelong learner currently pursuing her Master's in Psychology. When she's not transforming lives, you'll find her enjoying family, travel, and creative pursuits like painting and stand-up comedy.



Fredricka “Freddie” Pie

Impact Team Associate Director, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)

Fredricka “Freddie” Pie has been working in the nonprofit sector since 2009, building processes, developing best practices, and finding creative ways to make systems actually work for CBOs and communities. She has supported youth housing, at-risk youth and families, and young people impacted by the juvenile legal system. As Associate Director of IMPACT at the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ), Freddie combines her Social and Human Services background with her lived experiences to bring an authentic, “real talk” perspective to her work. She’s passionate about advancing equity, creating sustainable programs, and helping organizations collaborate effectively to better serve youth and families. Born and raised in Seattle, Freddie is a proud mom to a 20-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son. When she’s not cheering at Seattle Storm games or juggling family life, you might find her reading, watching true crime documentaries, or bingeing anime, sometimes all at once.



Eddie Purpose

Executive Director, Progress Pushers

In late 2017 Edward “Eddie” Purpose helped to establish and expand the nationally recognized Credible Messenger (CM) Initiative into Washington state. Credible Messenger is a National youth mentorship, group facilitated, transformational process that is designed to assist, mentor and meet the needs of justice-involved youth and young adults whom are often described as “most challenging.” As a lead trainer of the model locally, Eddie has trained dozens of service providers and community members. Eddie is currently a Credible Messenger Lead Trainer and Coach. He also facilitates groups within multiple areas throughout community, within schools as well as juvenile facilities. As a trainer, coach, and facilitator Eddie has been recognized for his services by being awarded “2019 Story of the Year” by the Federal Way Mirror newspaper and becoming the first recipient ever to receive the “Eddie Ellis Spirit Award” – the man who coined the phrase Credible Messenger. Previously, after serving a nearly 13 year prison sentence for a crime he committed during his teenage years, Eddie worked at the Urban League of Metropolitan of Seattle (UMLS) as the first Youth Outreach Coordinator, recruiting the first ever youth Career Bridge class in 2016. He eventually became a Participant Navigator for cohorts thereafter. Eddie has worked as a faculty member Instructor at South Seattle College teaching life skills and job-readiness before being recruited to facilitate similar curriculum to men and women at the Maleng Regional Justice Center (RJC) – the program, called LEAP2win, was the first of its kind in the nation. In 2017 Eddie founded Progress Pushers® and, professionally, is most proud of the fact that he’s able to be the mentor, advocate and positive role model that he didn’t have during his upbringing. Eddie’s joy is infectious and comes with him wherever he goes. He is a community leader, advocate, and activist. He prides himself with working with a population of youth and young adults that society at large have given up on.



Madison Ray

Policy and Communications Intern, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)

Madison Ray is a recent college graduate working at the Center for Children & Youth Justice as the Policy and Communications Intern. She identifies, tracks, and analyzes policies and bills, facilitates internal meetings around policy, strategy, and alignment, and follows narratives concerning the child welfare and juvenile justice system. She also supports CCYJ's in-house General Counsel and Chief Program Officer to update internal policies and procedures, transcribes meeting minutes at board meetings, and executes administrative projects. She earned dual bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Law, Societies, and Justice from the University of Washington where she focused extensively on the criminal legal system through quarterly coursework, a select study abroad program on comparative punishment, and a year long practicum assisting lawyers representing incarcerated individuals in parole and re-sentencing cases. Her passion for transforming systems of inequity through persistent advocacy and activism has inspired her to pursue a legal education and career.



Luiz Razo

Mentor, Walk About Yakima

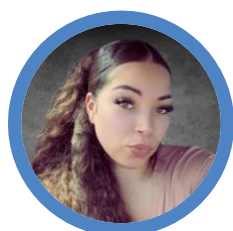
Luis Razo is a Mentor for Walk About Yakima, where he works closely with at-risk youth to increase their coping skills, guide them through complex systems, and foster positive decision making. Raised in Yakima County from a young age, Luis is deeply connected to the local community and combines lived experience with a passion for helping those who are striving for a second chance.



Clinton Taylor

Founder/Executive Director, Your Money Matters Mentoring

Clinton is a dynamic leader, speaker, and facilitator who knows how to turn financial literacy into real-life transformation. In 2018, he founded Your Money Matters Financial Mentoring Program, a groundbreaking non-profit dedicated to closing the gap between financial education and financial action for economically vulnerable, low-income communities and local schools. Where most programs leave people asking, “now what?”, Clinton’s vision ensures they don’t have to figure it out alone. His program pairs individuals with trained mentors who walk side-by-side with them—guiding everything from choosing the right bank account to managing debt, creating sustainable budgets, and navigating the complexities of personal finance with clarity and confidence. With a Master’s degree in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor’s degree in Human Development & Family Studies, Clinton brings both academic rigor and real-world compassion to his work. Over the past 15+ years, he has dedicated his career to social service and education, serving low-income and minority youth and adults facing justice involvement, homelessness, and poverty. As a National Certified Financial Educator (CFEI), he has become a trusted expert in financial literacy, volunteer training, community outreach, and program development. Clinton’s impact extends beyond one-on-one mentorship. He has facilitated hundreds of powerful workshops, volunteer trainings, and professional development sessions—covering topics such as financial empowerment, cultivating a success-driven mindset, and breaking through barriers that hold people back. His sessions are known for being practical, engaging, and inspiring—leaving participants not only informed but equipped and energized to take action. Event organizers looking for a speaker or trainer who can connect, inspire, and deliver lasting impact will find that Clinton brings the rare blend of passion, expertise, and relatability that transforms audiences. Whether leading a workshop, keynote, or training session, Clinton doesn’t just teach—he empowers people to believe in what’s possible and take the next step toward lasting change.



Keiosha Scott

CSEC Youth Advocate, OPS

Keiosha is a passionate CSEC Youth Advocate from Olympia, Washington, dedicated to supporting women and youth in their recovery from exploitation. A graduate from Washington State University she studied Psychology and Human Development and brings a strong foundation in advocacy, trauma informed care and community engagement here at OPS. She continues to be deeply motivated to support youth by creating safe spaces, building trust and providing meaningful opportunities for them to heal, grow and excel.



Emmanuella Shasha

Director of Global Initiatives and Development, Congolese Integration Network

Emmanuella Shasha is the Director of Global Initiatives and Development at Congolese Integration Network. She leads national and global programs focused on trauma-informed care, youth diversion, cultural heritage advocacy and culturally grounded service models for Sub-Saharan African immigrants and refugees. A longtime advocate for refugee integration and equity, Emmanuella has launched programs ranging from restorative justice and positive family connection to early learning and workforce readiness for youth impacted by systemic inequities.



Morgan Silverman

Director of Programs – Innovations, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)

Morgan Silverman, LICSW, serves as a director at the Center for Children & Youth Justice in Seattle, Washington. Morgan has worked in the nonprofit sector for over 20 with a specific focus on working with families, youth and young adults. Working with individuals in different situations, but often experiencing similar barriers, led to Morgan’s desire to work on a macro level, addressing systemic issues in order to equitably serve children and families in crisis.



Allie Steinberg

Diversion Workshop Coordinator, CHOOSE 180

Allie is passionate about empowering young people to be their best self and to empower communities to be healthy, safe, and thriving environments. She believes that connecting young people with positive resources and opportunities, while also helping them explore their strengths, interests, and motivations, allows them to define what success means for them, and develop tools to reach their goals. Allie joined CHOOSE 180 in July of 2022 after graduating with her Masters in Social Work.



Lorraine Stone

Executive Director, The Big Homie Mentoring Program

Lorraine Stone, MBA, is the Executive Director of The Big Homie Mentoring Program, a community-based organization dedicated to helping youth and young adults exit gang life and build new paths forward. Founded by her father, Lawrence Stone, the program is rooted in credible mentorship, lived experience, and a commitment to healing. Lorraine stepped into leadership with both personal connection and professional expertise, having seen firsthand the impact of gang involvement on her own family. Since assuming the role, she has led the organization through a period of growth and stabilization—expanding outreach, strengthening operations, and ensuring the program remains grounded in community need. In addition to her work with The Big Homie Program, Lorraine leads Animal-Man Solutions, a consulting practice focused on community engagement, outreach strategy, and organizational development—helping other groups deepen their impact in the communities they serve.



Pastor Terrance Proctor

Senior Pastor, Church By The Side Of The Road

A native Northwesterner; born and raised in Seattle, WA. Proud graduate of Franklin High School. BA in Political Science from University of Washington. Several post graduate certificates including, Pastoral Care, Biblical Exegesis, Homiletics and Expository Preaching, Emotional Intelligence.

Married to Arizona H. Proctor, (3) children Tavar (Shaina), Erin, Jordyn, and proud grandfather of Sade, TJ, and Sirena. Over 20 years in education as teacher, administrator, counselor, athletic coach in both the private and public sectors, including 10 plus years as Student Care Coordinator at Seattle Urban Academy. Serving as Senior Pastor at Church By the Side of the Road (CBSR) for the past 15 years has afforded me a myriad of opportunities to serve collaboratively within the Tukwila Community; including TSD’s (Cascade Elementary Thanksgiving Food Drive, Showalter MS Mentor/Tutor Program, Foster HS BSU).



Dr. Conrad Webster, Ed.D.

CEO, Black Boy Heal

Dr. Conrad Webster is a mental health advocate, critical race theorist, writer, organizer, facilitator, and professor from Houston, Texas. He is the CEO of Black Boy Heal LLC and Co-founder of the African American Leadership Conference. Since 2012, Dr. Webster has served in Washington

State’s community colleges and universities, beginning as a Black and Brown Retention Specialist in the Office of Multicultural Services at Green River College (GRC). He later worked as an Outreach Specialist at GRC before transitioning into K-12 education as an Academic Advisor for the College Success Foundation. He went on to serve as Project Manager for Seattle Public Schools and Director of Student Support at Seattle School for Boys. After earning his doctorate, Dr. Webster became an adjunct professor at institutions including Pierce College, Oregon Institute of Technology, University of Washington Tacoma, City University, Seattle University, University of Puget Sound, and currently, Highline College. Dedicated to academic achievement and Black wellness, he uses storytelling as a form of liberation—empowering students and staff to recognize their capacity to organize for change. His published work includes *Where Did My Black Folk Go?: The Exclusion of African American Men in the K–12 School System*, *I Don’t Think They Like Us: School Suspensions as Anti-Black Male Practice*, and the co-authored piece *Black Bodies, Dueling Pandemics*, and the *Hidden Rules for White Profit in the NBA*.



Latrice Williams

Mentor

Latrice Williams is a visionary leader and trailblazer in real estate and economic development, dedicated to building legacies that inspire and empower. For nearly five years, she has mentored youth in Spokane and beyond, teaching accountability and structure while championing equity, collaboration, and innovation. Through her work, Latrice bridges gaps, creates opportunities, and ensures every voice is valued in the journey toward lasting success



Jeremy Winzer
Outreach Lead, Progress Pushers

Jeremy Winzer is a youth specialist at Progress Pushers, an organization dedicated to guiding, educating and empowering youth who are most affected by societal systems. For his selfless work with local youth, Winzer has been named the Federal Way Mirror’s Hometown Hero of the Month for June 2024.



Amber Wynn
Washington School Safety Center Program Supervisor, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Amber Wynn serves as the School Safety Center Lead Program Supervisor in the Student Engagement & Support division at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). With over 20 years of experience in youth development, she has worked extensively in juvenile justice, alternative education, gang intervention, mentorship, mental health, and violence prevention. She also leads Washington’s Statewide Gangs in Schools Task Force, bringing together educators, law enforcement, and community partners to address gang impacts on schools. Amber is dedicated to advancing safety initiatives and fostering strong school–community partnerships that support safe and supportive learning environments for all students.



SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1 A



TOPIC

Why It Takes Lived Expertise to Walk with People Through Reentry

Presented by **Jim Chambers**, *Recruitment and Retention Manager, WELD Seattle*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

10:10 am – 11:00 am, Salish Hall, Room 152



ABOUT

Jim Chambers will deliver a presentation on WELD Reentry Services, highlighting the mission, impact, and importance of our work in supporting successful reentry. This presentation will be grounded in Jim's lived expertise, offering a firsthand perspective on the challenges and opportunities faced by individuals returning to the community. By sharing both personal experience and professional insight, Jim will illustrate why reentry services are vital, how they foster stability and empowerment, and the role WELD plays in breaking cycles of incarceration.

BREAKOUT 1 B



TOPIC

Tools to Prevent Youth Gun Violence in Washington State

Presented by **Mike McIntyre**, *Director of Government Affairs, Alliance for Gun Responsibility*,
Isaiah Lenard, *Community Organizer for the Alliance for Gun Responsibility*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

10:10 am – 11:00 am, Pine Room



ABOUT

Firearms have become the leading cause of death for people under the age of 25, both nationally and in Washington state. The increasing prevalence of gun violence among youth underscores the urgent need for effective strategies to prevent firearm-related harm. This session will explore critical tools designed to address this crisis, including Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) and comprehensive threat assessment programs. These interventions are powerful tools for those working with adolescents to proactively identify and reduce firearm access in high-risk situations. Attendees will gain valuable insights into current trends in firearm access and youth violence and explore how to effectively leverage ERPOs and threat assessments in their work. Join us to explore how we can create safer environments for young people by reducing access to firearms and preventing violence before it happens.



BREAKOUT 1 C



TOPIC

Understanding CSEC: Building Foundations for Support, Safety, and Systems Change

Presented by **Chelsea Olsen**, *CSEC Advocates, OPS*, **Krystle Haga**, *Program Coordinator, OPS*, **Keiosha Scott**, *CSEC Youth Advocate, OPS*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

10:10 am – 11:00 am, Noble Room



ABOUT

This session offers a foundational understanding of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) for youth-serving professionals who are newer to this issue or looking to deepen their awareness. Attendees will learn how to recognize the signs of trafficking and exploitation, understand the lived realities and trauma responses of survivors, and explore how to build trust-centered, youth-informed relationships. The presentation will also address common myths, systemic barriers, and the importance of survivor-led care. Emphasis will be placed on decolonizing systems of support by challenging dominant narratives, centering culturally rooted practices, and dismantling institutional responses that often criminalize survivors. Participants will leave with concrete strategies to improve collaboration between wraparound care teams, community organizations, and system-involved professionals—including those in juvenile justice, law enforcement, legal advocacy, and child welfare—to ensure that no youth falls through the cracks.

BREAKOUT 1 D



TOPIC

Meaningful Ways to Engage Young People and Build Resilience

Presented by **William Hairston**, *Impact Team Director, CCYJ*, **Fredricka Pie**, *Impact Team Associate Director, CCYJ*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

10:10 am – 11:00 am, Salish Hall, Room 254



ABOUT

This training provides participants with practical tools and techniques to effectively engage young people, build meaningful relationships, and foster resilience using proven Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies. The session offers real-world applications to empower young people facing adversity. Participants will explore methods to connect with youth by "speaking their language," employing motivational interviewing, and creating spaces for trust and growth. The training also emphasizes goal-setting, emotional regulation, and the role of credible messengers in mentorship. Attendees will leave equipped with actionable practices that integrate relationship-building with long-term resilience development, bridging CVI strategies with broader community-based interventions.



BREAKOUT 1 E



TOPIC

Washington State Legislation & Advocacy 101: A Tool to Transform Community Violence Intervention

Presented by **Nicholas Oakley**, *Senior Director, Public Policy, TTA, & Capacity Building, CCYJ*, **Giannina Ferrara**, *Policy & TTA Manager, CCYJ*, **Madison Ray**, *Policy and Communications Intern, CCYJ*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

10:10 am – 11:00 am, Salish Hall, Room 159



ABOUT

How can we use policy to transform Washington’s community violence intervention work? Policy advocacy is a powerful mechanism that drives systems change. In this session, we aim to educate and equip participants with knowledge and tools to advocate for system change within the Washington State legislature. Participants will also gain a basic understanding of recent state (or local) law changes that impact community violence intervention work. Topics may include diversion, sentencing reform, and access to services through Medicaid.

BREAKOUT 1 F



TOPIC

Reimagining Resilience: Understanding Trauma & Creating Safer Environments

Presented by **Aaron Norikane**, *Facilitator, BELONG Partners*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

10:10 am – 11:00 am, Willow Room



ABOUT

“I’m Safe. I Belong. I Matter.”
Every young person needs to feel this way so they can learn and thrive. Today’s communities face the challenge of supporting young people who are affected by the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), as well as the ongoing stressors of environmental factors such as the pandemic and systemic racism. In this interactive workshop, we will explore how brain science and restorative practices can be used to create safe and inclusive spaces where all youth can succeed. We introduce foundational concepts like the ACEs study and Adlerian psychology to provide theory, alongside practical strategies for navigating power dynamics, strengthening relationships, and promoting equity in our communities.



BREAKOUT 1 G



TOPIC

Choosing Possibilities: Overview of CHOOSE180’s Young Adult Diversion Program

Presented by Allie Steinberg, *Diversion Workshop Coordinator, CHOOSE 180*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

10:10 am – 11:00 am, Salish Hall, Room 155



ABOUT

This presentation will highlight CHOOSE 180’s Young Adult Diversion Program and our partnership with the Seattle City Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. CHOOSE 180 is a community-based organization led by those most impacted by systemic harm and the criminal legal system. We believe young people are possibilities to be developed and not problems to be fixed. When working with system-involved youth, we don’t ask, “What’s wrong with you?” We ask, “What have you been through?” Grounded in restorative justice and trauma-informed care, our programs center healing, accountability and youth agency. Participants will explore how the program offers young people an alternative to incarceration and/or further involvement with the criminal legal system. The session will explore how connecting young people with meaningful support and resources to help meet their basic needs empowers them to commit to the positive change to create a thriving future for themselves.

YOUTH BREAKOUT 1



TOPIC

Your Health, Your Community: Understanding Wellness Systems for Youth

Presented by David Lewis, Psy D. LMHC, *Psychologist and Affiliate Professor, University of Washington*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

10:10 am – 11:00 am, Emerald City Room



ABOUT

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BREAKOUT 2 A



TOPIC

Implementing and Evaluating a Gang Intervention Program

Presented by **Bill Leon**, *President, Geo Education & Research*, **Lorraine Stone**, *Executive Director, The Big Homie Mentoring Program*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 152



ABOUT

The Big Homie Program (TBHP) in Tacoma has a long history of helping young people exit or avoid gang life. Working with both adjudicated youth and those living in communities where gang culture is prevalent, mentors in TBHP work to identify each person's needs, pressures, goals, and assets and helps them plan for a stable and joyous life. The mentors are former gang members, now with deep and positive ties to the Tacoma neighborhoods in which they work. Male and female participants are from middle schools, high schools, or are no longer in school. Some are in jail-to-community transitional incarceration. Most are youth of color. They meet individually and in groups with the mentors, and can rely on them for support. The mentors also work with parents, probation officers, counselors, teachers, and other supporters in the lives of the participants. Lorraine Stone, Executive Director of TBHP will describe the purpose, history, design, and functions of the Program.

During the 2024-2025 schoolyear, TBHP hired Geo Education & Research (Geo), a Washington State evaluation firm to design and implement a thorough evaluation of TBHP. Geo collected and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data via pre-post surveys of participants, periodic assessments of youth by mentors on several life domains, focus groups with mentors and participants, and interviews with key staff. After carefully helping TBHP frame and articulate its intended outcomes and the data needed to measure them, Geo developed data collection tools and strategies and guided or conducted data collection. Many data were entered into an online database that made it easier for staff to enter and access data on individuals to assist them with mentoring and to facilitate program management and evaluation. Bill Leon, President of Geo, will describe the evaluation process, an innovative data collection tool, and the statistically significant findings and other qualitative insights that show the significant results TBHP is achieving.



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TOPIC

Uncuffed: Breaking the System's Casting Call

Presented by Dr. Conrad Webster, CEO, Black Boy Heal



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Noble Room



ABOUT

Black boys are too often cast into roles they didn't audition for, gladiators, threats, statistics, by systems that thrive on fear, control, and survivalist narratives. This workshop challenges that casting. Uncuffed: Breaking the System's Casting Call introduces Strength-Centered Structural Engagement (SCSE), an innovative, evidence-informed framework designed to recenter youth voice, community healing, and structural accountability in juvenile justice reform. Focusing on youth impacted by community violence, legal system involvement, and unstable housing, this workshop identifies the intersecting challenges of marginalization and state neglect. Participants will explore how these young people, particularly Black males, are not only misrepresented but systematically failed. Drawing from models proven effective in major U.S. cities, we will explore:

- Credible Messenger & Mentorship Programs
- Multisystemic and Functional Family Therapy (MST & FFT)
- Cognitive Behavioral Interventions paired with Community Mentorship
- Tech-driven Diversion Tools for Equitable Service Access
- Community-Led Coalitions like Communities That Care (CTC)
- Through interactive design labs, attendees, policymakers, law enforcement, healthcare leaders, and youth advocates, will build cross-sector partnerships grounded in King County's local assets. Together, we will begin to rewrite the script: one where Black boys are no longer criminalized characters, but protagonists in a system built to serve, not sentence.



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TOPIC

From Risk to Resilience: Culturally Matched Healing and Diversion Pathways for Black African Youth

Presented by Emmanuella Shasha, *Director of Global Initiatives and Development, Congolese Integration Network*, **Francoise Milinganyo Wanyimba**, *Executive Director, Congolese Integration Network*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 155



ABOUT

Sub-Saharan African youth in King County face distinct cultural and systemic barriers when navigating the juvenile legal system, school discipline policies, and family instability. In this session, presenters from Congolese Integration Network (CIN) will share how culturally matched programs, including CIN's Restorative Pathways, Stopping the School to Prison Pipeline, Positive Family Connection, and youth-led healing circles and sport activities, have successfully supported African (and second generations) immigrant and refugee youth to move from risk to resilience. Participants will learn how we address chronic absenteeism, community violence, and behavioral challenges through a trauma-informed, culturally responsive framework grounded in trust, language access, and community partnership. We will discuss CIN's strategies for preventing school pushout, restoring family engagement, and navigating harmful systems using healing-centered engagement rather than punitive responses. The session will include data from CIN's youth programs, powerful community stories, and practical takeaways on coalition-building with families, schools, and youth-serving systems. We will also explore how Becca law interventions can be adapted to reflect the lived realities of immigrant youth and their families, leading to better outcomes and reduced recidivism.



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TOPIC

Transforming Futures: CVI Ecosystem Building to Reducing Youth Group or Gang Violence

Presented by **William Hairston**, *Impact Team Director, CCYJ*, **Afsaneh Haddadian**, *Impact Team Associate Director, CCYJ*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 158



ABOUT

This workshop will provide an overview of the Leadership, Intervention, & Change (LINC) program that brings together a community-wide, multi-jurisdictional, and multi-disciplinary coordinated effort to reduce youth gang involvement and community violence in King County, Washington. LINC is a collaboration between regional communities and government systems. Based on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM), the LINC program uses a data-driven and evidence-based process and works with up to 200 young people annually who are involved with or at risk of involvement with gangs and/or violence. Presenters will review LINC program outcomes for youth/LINC clients. Outcomes are based on the youth's individual intervention plans and goals in multiple areas, including a reduction in gang activity/association, improvement in academic performance, enrollment in school, improvement in school attendance, obtaining employment, attending work regularly, and connection to prosocial activities. The mission of LINC is to ignite systems change to strengthen safe, healthy communities and build positive pathways for young people through youth empowerment, collaborative community partnerships, and the mobilization of community stakeholders. The LINC program creates an opportunity for service providers to have a larger community impact than individualized efforts produce. The resulting systems-community partnership is built on Results-Based Accountability to remove structural hurdles, barriers, and policies that stand in the way of serving young people and the community. The flexibility of the LINC data-driven model allows for room to incorporate other best practices, promising practices, and even community-based solutions that can all be tracked and assessed for maximum community impact.



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TOPIC

A Brief Introduction to the Labor Trafficking of Minors

Presented by **Morgan Silverman**, *Director of Programs – Innovations, CCYJ*,
Emily Nicewonger, *Associate Director of Programs, CCYJ*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 159



ABOUT

This shortened version of our standard 2-hour training will provide an overview of the essential knowledge and tools available to identify and support young people experiencing labor trafficking. In this training, participants can expect to develop a general understanding of what labor trafficking is and who is most impacted; explore some indicators that may point to the presence of labor trafficking; and learn about beginner strategies in working with survivors.

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TOPIC

The Way Forward: A four part approach to working with gang-involved youth

Presented by **Samantha Decker**, *Program Coordinator, Walk About Yakima*,
Luiz Razo, *Mentor, Walk About Yakima*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Willow Room



ABOUT

Walk About Yakima (WAY) is a community violence intervention program in Yakima, Washington, that works with high-risk, gang-involved youth using a unique, four-pronged approach: credible mentorship, behavioral health interventions, case management, and wrap-around services. Learn how WAY blends these four strategies, including pioneering the use of dialectical behavior therapy in the streets, partnering with multiple local law enforcement agencies, and incorporating indigenous practices into mentoring, to lower a young person's risk of killing or being killed by firearm violence. This presentation will teach practical strategies for working with at-risk, justice-involved, or marginalized youth that can be implemented by law enforcement agencies, community- or faith-based organizations, and youth mentors.



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TOPIC

Girlhood Interrupted: Reclaiming the Narrative for BIPOC Girls in the Justice System

Presented by Kechi Amaefule, *Executive Director and Founder, Mothers Impacting Lives Every Day (MILE)*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 254



ABOUT

Black and Brown girls across Washington State and beyond are disproportionately impacted by gender-based violence and community trauma. Yet, their experiences are often silenced, misunderstood, or criminalized. In this dynamic and healing-centered workshop, participants will explore the intersections of gender-based violence, race, and the juvenile justice system, with a focus on BIPOC girls. Drawing from personal experience and community-based leadership, Executive Director Kechi Amaefule of Mothers Impacting Lives Every day (MILE) will present compelling statistics on the prevalence of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and system involvement among BIPOC girls. Participants will examine how school pushout, racial bias, and trauma responses often lead to criminalization rather than care. This workshop will also introduce The Trap and Girls Who LEAD, two culturally rooted programs designed to interrupt cycles of violence by providing mentorship, leadership development, and community healing spaces for girls aged 11- 24. Attendees will leave with concrete tools for integrating trauma-informed, gender-specific, and restorative approaches into their work within schools, community programs, or justice settings. Through storytelling, data, and dialogue, this session invites us to reimagine systems that do not just respond to harm but prevent it by uplifting the voices, dreams, and power of girls too often left behind.



YOUTH BREAKOUT 2 A



TOPIC

An Alternative to Youth Detention: Community Care Home Model-Impacted Youth Speak

Presented by Jawara McDuffie, *Special Projects Manager, King County Executive Office*,
Ken Nsimbi, *Care First Team Special Projects Manager, King County Executive Office*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Emerald Room



ABOUT

King County’s Care & Closure Advisory Committee has proposed a community-based alternative to detention for youth. Community Care Homes are a network of homes where youth would reside while their court cases are proceeded if they are unable to return home due to safety concerns. These spaces will be home-like and therapeutic, while also connecting youth and their families to the resources they need in community. We have partnered with Catalyze Justice, an organization that has supported the development of similar spaces in jurisdictions across the country. We’ll share information about those projects, the benefits of such alternatives, and the process underway to develop a pilot right here in King County.

YOUTH BREAKOUT 2 B



TOPIC

Community Violence Legal Network

Presented by Amber Goodwin, *Washington School Safety Center Program Supervisor, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

11:10 am – 12:00 pm, Noble Room



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TOPIC

Concerning Youth Substance Abuse Trends

Presented by **John Holbrook**, *Director of Security, Renton School District*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

2:20 – 3:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 158



ABOUT

I discuss substances being abused by youth in WA and across the nation. Many of which are legal for youth to purchase, and most are not known to be concerning by adults. I also discuss concerning trends around vaping and school culture as it relates. All of the issues identified relate back to the safety of students. I also discuss how young people are easily able to access substances.

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TOPIC

What is Credible Messengers?

Presented by **Sareya Milton**, *Marketing and Public Relations Manager, Progress Pushers*,

Eddie Purpose, *Executive Director, Progress Pushers*, **Jeremy Winzer**, *Outreach Lead, Progress Pushers*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

2:10 – 3:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 159



ABOUT

Credible Messenger (CM) Groups provide mentorship through group facilitation, to youth and young adults who have been impacted by the legal/ injustice system (ages 12-24). CM groups focus on intervention but also take preventative measures to help participants begin to understand more about themselves, their futures, and purpose in life. Groups:

- are Facilitated by trained Credible Messenger professionals
- offer four (4) phases of curriculum with groups meeting twice weekly for six-weeks per phase (can be tailored to fit the needs of who we're providing our services to)
- take place in community, at school/ after school, within group homes and institutions
- include incentives for enrollees participation



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TOPIC

An Alternative to Youth Detention: Community Care Home Model

Presented by **Jawara McDuffie**, *Special Projects Manager, King County Executive Office*,
Ken Nsimbi, *Special Projects Manager, Care First Team, King County Executive Office*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

2:10 – 3:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 155



ABOUT

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TOPIC

Mentoring Today’s Youth

Presented by **Pastor Shon Davis**, *Senior Pastor, JITA City Church*, **Latrice Williams**, *Mentor*,
Joshua Harris, *Spokane Public Schools Department of Family and Community Engagement*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

2:10 – 3:00 pm, Salish Hall, Room 152



ABOUT

Mentoring Today’s Youth is an intervention, prevention, and restorative program supporting at-risk and high-risk youth vulnerable to violent behaviors and involvement with the juvenile or correctional system.

The program:

- **Mentorship:** Connects youth with adults who share similar life experiences and understand their challenges.
- **SEL Classes:** Addresses root causes of negative behaviors by helping youth process unresolved trauma. The “WHY” vs The “WHAT”.
- **Career & Education:** Provides job readiness, summer employment, vocational training, college pathways, and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- **Core Philosophy:** “Change the Name, You Change the Game” — fostering self-identity and confidence empowers youth to make healthier choices and avoid destructive paths.



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TOPIC

Hospital Violence Intervention: A state wide approach

Presented by **Laura Johnson**, *Program Manager, Harborview's Violence Intervention and*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

2:10 – 3:00 pm, Willow Room



ABOUT

As the only Level 1 Trauma hospital in Washington State, Harborview Medical Center is responsible for caring for many of the most critical gunshot wounds from across the state. Harborview’s Violence Intervention and Prevention Program works to support patients and families after firearm injury and collaborate with community-based organizations to engage patients to their local community for ongoing support and resources after hospital discharge.

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TOPIC

Breaking Youth Violence and Juvenile Legal System Cycles with **THINK.PLAN.FLY.**

Presented by **Terrell Dorsey**, *Founder, Unleash the Brilliance*, **Fatima Al Shihyib**, *Student Youth Violence Leader*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025

2:10 – 3:00 pm, Noble Room



ABOUT

Unleash the Brilliance (UTB) empowers youth to make positive decisions, reduce at-risk behaviors, and stay engaged in school and life through Think. Plan. Fly. This youth-track breakout session will focus on ways to support students impacted by community violence, the juvenile legal system, and homelessness. Participants will gain practical tools for helping youth think critically about their choices, prepare for graduation and future opportunities, and “fly” toward success instead of being grounded by system barriers.



YOUTH BREAKOUT 3 A



TOPIC

Building Stability: Integrating Financial Literacy into Youth Support and Family Reconciliation Work

Presented by Clinton Taylor, *Founder/Executive Director, Your Money Matters Mentoring*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025
2:10 – 3:00 pm, Emerald City Room



ABOUT

This interactive workshop will help young people gain knowledge when it comes to Values & Money (Awareness – The “Why”) Your money usually goes where your priorities are — knowing what really matters to you is the starting point. Participants will understand define values and goals and clarify the difference. Where do values about money come from. Mapping their values to financial choices leading to setting short-mid and long term goals.

YOUTH BREAKOUT 3 B



TOPIC

School Safety – The Student Experience

Presented by Amber Wynn, *Washington School Safety Center Program Supervisor, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)*



WHEN

Friday, September 26, 2025
2:10 – 3:00 pm, Pine Room



ABOUT

The Student Experience gives youth the chance to share their voices, stories, and ideas about what safety in schools looks and feels like. This focus group will provide space for honest student perspectives to help shape safer, more supportive schools across Washington.



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