Women Moving Forward and Upward

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2022 Legislative Briefing
Overview

The Prince George’s County Commission for Women hosts the Women’s Legislative Briefing to educate and inform conference participants on issues of importance to women, girls and families in the County. Participants have the opportunity to hear from issue experts and lawmakers as they provide background information, data, and proposed legislative efforts in support of women, children and their families, especially in Prince George’s County.

The theme of this year’s Women’s Legislative Briefing is “Women Moving Forward and Upward”. The keynote speaker will highlight the economic conditions for women and girls in Prince George’s County, particularly in light of the current health pandemic and attendant economic stresses. Experts will bring pertinent information on topics and legislative issues intended to move women “forward and upward”. These issues include:

- Food Insecurity
- Economy
- Child Care
- Law Enforcement and the Community
- Elder Protection and Safety

The Commission for Women deems it important to emphasize the importance of citizen engagement, civic duty, and empowerment. The Women’s Legislative Briefing gives County residents the opportunity to gain a better understanding of proposed legislation before it is voted on in the Maryland General Assembly, thereby enabling participants to have a voice in the legislative process, which benefits all citizens of Prince George’s County.

Did you know…?

- The General Assembly of Maryland, as the legislative body directly representing the electorate, passes public general and public local laws, raises revenues and appropriates funds to pay for State government services, and oversees the operation of State executive agencies. In much of this activity, the legislator plays a major role in helping to develop the public policy of the State.

- Much of the legislature’s work is done by its committees. Committees include standing committees, statutory committees, special committees, and select committees (commonly known as county or regional delegations). Special
committees are usually temporary and go out of existence when their purposes have been fulfilled.

- The General Assembly is divided into two houses: the 47-member Senate and the 141 member House of Delegates. Each member is elected to serve a four-year term. The next election will occur in November of 2022.

To find your Maryland Congressional and Legislative representatives, click link.
Moderator

Ms. Tonia Wellons

Tonia Wellons is the President & CEO of the Greater Washington Community Foundation, the largest public foundation in the Greater Washington region. The Community Foundation’s mission is to Build Thriving Communities by galvanizing philanthropy and investing locally to maximize community impact. Our vision is for a more equitable, just, and thriving Greater Washington for all, and especially for those who have been systematically marginalized in our region. Leading an organization with a staff of 35, nearly $400 million in assets under management, and $70 million in annual grants, Tonia oversees the day-to-day business of the organization, serves as chief development officer, and works with the Board of Trustees and staff to determine the strategic priorities of The Community Foundation. Tonia has successfully launched and led programmatic and development efforts for several key initiatives at The Community Foundation, including the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund, VoicesDMV, the Resilience Fund, and the Partnership to End Homelessness. She also has purview over all grantmaking, community engagement, and strategic partnerships.

Prior to joining The Community Foundation in July 2016, she served as a political appointee for the Obama Administration as head of global partnerships at the Peace Corps. Tonia was responsible for leading the agency’s relationships with other federal agencies, the private sector, international NGOs, and donors. Most notably, Tonia led bold cause-marketing partnerships at the Peace Corps for Let Girls Learn (an initiative of First Lady Michelle Obama). Tonia previously served as fund manager of a multi-donor initiative focused on financial access and inclusion at the World Bank Group. She also spent a significant part of her career working on USAID-funded capacity development initiatives during the immediate post-apartheid era in South Africa and the broader sub-Saharan region. In 2010, Tonia founded the Prince George’s County Social Innovation Fund (PGCSIF) in an effort to ‘shift the narrative’ and build social capital in the County. The Innovation Fund’s flagship initiative, Forty Under 40 Prince George’s, recognizes top talent in the County, and connects them to political, social, and economic opportunity all the while sharing the important story of amazing people - under the age of 40 - who live and work in Prince George’s.
Tonia is a 23-year resident of Prince George's County and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She has a master’s degree in Public Administration and International Development Policy from the University of Delaware, and a bachelor’s in Political Science from North Carolina A&T State University.

Tonia serves on the board of Leadership Greater Washington and the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers. She also serves as co-chair of the Black Voices for Black Justice Fund DMV’s Black Justice Fellowship and a member of the Federal City Council and the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness. She was recently named a Hero of the Crisis by Washingtonian Magazine, 2020 Nonprofit Leader of the Year by the Washington Business Journal, and the 2020 Philanthropist of the Year by the AFP DC chapter.

Greetings

Melony G. Griffith, President Pro Tempore, Maryland State Senate, District 25
Adrienne A. Jones, House Speaker, Maryland State Delegate, District 10
Aisha N. Braveboy, State’s Attorney, Prince George’s County, Maryland
Calvin Hawkins, Chair, Prince George’s County Council
Special Keynote Speaker

Ms. Tisa J. D. Clark, REALTOR, LEED GA, PMP, AMP

Tisa J.D. Clark is the President & CEO of J.D. Clark Professional Services, L.L.C., J.D. Clark Consulting and J.D. Clark Real Estate (JD Clark). Ms. Clark is Board Chair Emeritus of the Prince George’s County Chamber of Commerce. Located in both Prince George’s County and Baltimore City Maryland, JD Clark is currently a participant in Clark Construction’s Strategic Partnership Program (SPP), a graduate of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program in Baltimore, MD and a graduate from the Small Business Administration’s Emerging Leaders Program 2016. Ms. Clark holds the Certified Professional Coach (CPC) designation from the Center for Coaching Certification which leads to the Associate Certified Coach credential from the International Coaching Federation (ICF).

JD Clark serves companies throughout the United States. Her processes focus on responsiveness to client needs and reliability of services provided. JD Clark’s dedication to exceptional service has resulted in repeat client business, strong rapport with the communities in which we operate, and favorable referrals for work completed. Ms. Clark is a native Washingtonian. For over thirty (30) years, Ms. Clark has built a solid reputation to "fix what is broken."

Ms. Clark is a visionary with strategic analytical skills. She has proven ability to solve difficult business problems and has a history of consistently obtaining high performance in others through leadership and cohesive team building. Ms. Clark has been providing Training, Mentoring, Consulting and Executive Coaching for over twenty (25) years and is a sought-after Speaker, Trainer, Consultant and Coach.

The JD Clark brand is currently one of Prince George’s County’s fastest growing small businesses. Ms. Clark is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Top 100 MBE® Award (October 2019), the U.S. Commerce 2019 Minority Business Development Agency Business Center Award from Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council (CRMSDC), and the Small Business of the Year award by the Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce (2018). In March of 2018, Ms. Clark was honored with a State of Maryland Governor’s Citation and by the Washington Business Journal as one the 2018 Minority Business Leaders of the Year.
Ms. Clark holds various degrees, licenses, and certifications, including a Bachelor of Science degree in Management; a Project Management Professional Certification (PMP) with the Project Management Institute; a board member of the Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Project Management Institute. Ms. Clark is currently serving as a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) CARES funded Business Consultant for Maryland Southern Region.

Ms. Clark also has a philanthropic presence. She has personally adopted Croom Vocational High School in Prince George’s County, providing supplies and monetary contribution as the needs arise. She often serves as a motivational speaker during career day at several local schools.
Speakers

Ms. Deborah Archer, Ed.D

Deborah Archer, Ed.D. is the Prince George’s County Project Leader and a Nutrition Educator with the Maryland SNAP-Ed Program. Maryland SNAP-Ed provides nutrition education to youth and adults with the aim of reaching low-income (SNAP eligible) audiences. Interventions include healthy eating, physical activity, food access and food security, farmers markets, and increased water consumption. Dr. Archer has supported creating exemplary healthier school environments through policy, systems, and environmental changes including the sponsorship of dozens of school gardens.

Over the years, two invitations were extended to tour the White House gardens with students from her sites.

Dr. Archer was selected by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation to serve as 1 of 19 national ambassadors. The organization was created by the Clinton Foundation and the American Heart Association to decrease the prevalence of childhood obesity. With 7 out of 10 Prince Georgians classified as overweight or obese, she encourages students to use food as medicine and develop healthy lifestyle choices. Dr. Archer partnered with Prince George’s County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services to provide technical assistance and submit district applications for recognition by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the United States Department of Agriculture Healthier US School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms. Invitations are extended on a regular basis to present during professional development sessions for Health Educators, National School Breakfast Week, and the School Food Expo. She has met with local congressional representatives and participated as a panel member on Capitol Hill to discuss the impact and challenges of public policy on local sustainable food systems, education, and federally funded nutrition programs for children and underserved populations.

She served for 8 years on the Maryland SNAP-Ed Advisory Council, various committees within the University of Maryland Extension, and is a mentor to new educators. Since 2014, Dr. Archer volunteers at the University of Maryland School of Public Health Mid-Maryland, Mission of Mercy Health Equity Festival. Over a three-day period, over 1,000 patients are provided with over $1,000,000 of free dental services and health screenings.
She also serves on Prince George’s County Public Schools School Wellness Council, Prince George’s County Public Schools Judy Centers Steering Committee, and the Prince George’s County Food Equity Council. As a member of the Prince George’s County Food Security Task Force recommendations were submitted to the County Council to provide a comprehensive response to address food security and health equity.

Dr. Archer received her BS in Clinical Nutrition, MS degrees in Secondary Education and Organization, and completed her doctoral studies in Education. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, being of service within her church community, strength training, and yoga.

**Ms. Battle-Brooks**

Ms. Battle-Brooks has spent most of her legal career as a litigator—as an Assistant Public Defender in Maryland and as an Assistant State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County, Maryland, where she spent almost 19 years prosecuting child abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking crimes.

In December 2018, Ms. Battle-Brooks was appointed as the Executive Director of the Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission, now the Office of Human Rights (OHR). The OHR investigates complaints of discrimination, oversees the County’s Human Trafficking Task Force, manages an immigrant defense program, has responsibility for the County’s Language Access Compliance program, builds understanding across diverse communities through robust outreach, and recently started a Youth Leadership Academy.

Ms. Battle-Brooks lends her services to community issues and groups, has served on the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault board as President and board member, and is a violinist playing regularly with the New England Symphonic Ensemble.
Mrs. Gloria Brown Burnett

Gloria Brown Burnett has more than 25 years of experience in the development, administration and evaluation of human service and child welfare programs. Her career in the public service arena began more than nineteen years ago with Prince George’s County as the Administrator of Homeless Programs within the Department of Housing and Community Development. During her nearly eighteen years with the Department of Social Services (DSS), Mrs. Brown Burnett served as the Deputy Director for Administration, the agency’s Assistant Director, and in 2009, Mrs. Brown Burnett became the Director of DSS.

During her tenure as Director of Social Services, she advanced the Agency to be more responsive and aligned with resident needs. Mrs. Brown Burnett brought innovative strategies such as aligning work with the judiciary system to improve outcomes for foster children, broke down silos by leveraging limited resources to expand services, and encouraged nontraditional partnerships. Under her leadership, the department along with community partnerships implemented the Affordable Care Act in which over 200,000 residents became insured through the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange and the uninsured population was reduced to a historical low.

Mrs. Brown Burnett participates as a board member on a number of community boards such as the Prince George’s County Workforce Investment Board, the Governor’s 211 Referral Service Advisory Board, Hillside Work-Scholarship, Greater Baden Medical Services and the Salvation Army. She has previously served on a number of community-based organization boards that provide services ranging from stability assistance and homelessness prevention to education and homeowners assistance.

Mrs. Brown Burnett has been recognized as a community servant by several different organizations. In 2016, the Prince George's County Board of Education Student Safety Task Force recognized her contributions and the Accokeek First Church of God presented her with community recognition for National Women’s History Month. Mrs. Brown Burnett is an innovative leader and was recognized for one of her dream projects in which the department partners with the school system. The Community Resource Advocate Program was recognized with the National Association of Counties 2016 Achievement Award. Mrs. Brown Burnett was awarded the 2016 Talented Tenth Award by the Washington Fisk Alumni Association and recently awarded with the 2019 Gladys Noon Spellman Achievement Award.
Mrs. Brown Burnett holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Fisk University and Master of Science in Management from the University of Maryland University College, Executive Programs. Gloria is also a 2011 graduate of Leadership Greater Washington.

**Commissioner Lanta Evans-Motte**

Lanta Evans-Motte has a passion for helping individuals enhance and protect their wealth! She has more than 30 years professional experience assisting high net worth individuals and businesses to develop custom strategies designed to improve their financial well-being. An entrepreneur, she began her financial advisory practice in 2005 to provide investment management, retirement planning, and financial planning services for professionals and businesses.

Ms. Evans-Motte speaks regularly regarding investing, entrepreneurship, financial stewardship, philanthropy, legacy wealth creation, and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). She is regularly invited to assist in planning, implementing, and conducting financial education programs for youth & adult audiences throughout the U.S.

She has served on several national financial education initiatives including Essence Magazine’s National Homeownership Advisory Board and Washington Post Newspapers, Michelle Singletary’s Nationally Syndicated Color of Money, Retirement Coach (2017). She has been featured in USA Today, the Washington Post, Ebony, Essence, Black Enterprise, Investment News, Registered Rep, and WHUR Sirius XM radio.

Ms Evans-Motte has received national recognition for her community leadership and involvement over the past 30 years. Recently, she received a Raymond James 2021 Woman of Distinction Award; and Investment News 2021 Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award for sustained efforts to increase financial industry diversity and enrich her community.

Currently, Ms. Evans-Motte serves on the Prince Georges County Commission for Women; and on the Advisory Board for the Greater Washington Community Foundation in Prince Georges County and Literacy Institute for Financial Enrichment (LIFE), Inc. Ms. Evans-Motte is a former Board member of the Board of Governors for the University of Maryland Alumni Association & Robert H. Smith School of Business Alumni Board; National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA)-National Board of Directors; & Leadership Prince Georges.

Ms. Evans-Motte earned a B.S. in Accounting and a M.B.A. in Finance from RHSSB, University of Maryland. She holds Series 7 and Series 66 securities licenses and is a licensed insurance agent. She earned a Certificate in Personal Financial Planning, and is a
Registered Financial Consultant, RFC® and Retirement Income Certified Professional, RICP®.

Ms. Tina Frundt

Tina Frundt Executive Director/Founder Courtney’s House Ms. Frundt has been actively raising awareness of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) since 2000. A high-profile national advocate on the issue of domestic sex trafficking and a survivor of CSEC, Ms. Frundt is deeply committed to helping other children and women who are living through experiences similar to her own. She has been featured on numerous national shows and publications, including the OWN Network’s Our America with Lisa Ling: 3AM Girls, which featured an undercover look into sex trafficking in Washington, DC, the CNN Freedom Project, and in 2016 the Whitney Young Unsung Heroes award by the Urban Institute. In 2010, she became the first U.S. citizen to receive the Free the Slaves Freedom Awards-Frederick Douglas Award, which recognizes survivors of sex trafficking who use their life in freedom to help others. In 2016 she was appointed by President Obama to the First White House Survivor Advisory Board. In 2017, Tina received the Lois Haight Award of Excellence and Innovation after being nominated by Representative Ted Poe.

Ms. Frundt trains law enforcement and other non-profit groups to rescue and provide resources to victims, and is also a member of the Washington, D.C., State of Maryland and Prince George’s County Human Trafficking Task Force, she was also appointed by the Governor of Maryland to the Safe Harbor work group. She has testified before the U.S. Congress about her own experiences and the need for greater protection and services for trafficked persons. She is the founder and executive director of Courtney’s House, which provides direct services for domestic sex trafficked youth, ages 11 – 21 in the Washington D.C. metro area. Since its inception, Courtney's House and Ms. Frundt have helped over 650 survivors transition out of their trafficking situation.
Council Member Dannielle M. Glaros

Dannielle M. Glaros (D-District 3) is completing her second four-year term on the Prince George’s County Council. She represents an incredibly diverse district with over 100,000 residents. In this capacity, she has authored numerous pieces of legislation, delivered a county budget, handled land use policy, and led significant projects within her district. She is also responsible for the delivery of key countywide initiatives such as the comprehensive zoning rewrite and launching the partnership to deliver P3 School Construction. In the midst of the pandemic, she pivoted to create a new initiative Greater Riverdale Cares to coordinate food distribution. She strives to strengthen our communities.

She has served in numerous leadership roles including Vice Chair of the Council. Glaros was elected by her colleagues to serve as Council Chair for the 2018 Legislative Year. She is currently the Chair of the Council’s Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee and Vice Chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (TIEE) Committee. Glaros co-chairs the Prince George’s County Housing Opportunity for All Workgroup, is on the steering committee for Purple Line Corridor Coalition, and a member of the Greater Washington Partnership Capital Rail Vision steering committee.

In 2015 Glaros was honored by the Center for Nonprofit Advancement with the Phyllis Campbell Newsome Public Policy Leadership Award. This award recognizes the work of elected or non-elected public officials who have gone above and beyond in partnership with the nonprofit sector to ensure more vibrant communities.

Before being elected, she served as Chief of Staff to County Councilmember Eric Olson, Associate Director for Smart Growth America, and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor’s Office of Smart Growth.

A graduate of Leadership Prince George’s and Leadership Greater Washington, Glaros holds a master’s degree from the University of Maryland School of Public Policy with a focus on environmental policy. She earned her undergraduate degree in economics and geography from Bucknell University.

She and her husband, Steve Glaros, have two children, Lillian, and Evan, who both attend Prince George’s County Public Schools. They live in Riverdale Park, where they are in the process of restoring their historic home. Glaros is a Girl Scout troop leader having served
Dr. Katrina Gomez

My name is Dr. Katina Gomez, and I am a native of Prince George’s County Maryland. My educational background began at Berkshire Elementary School in Prince George’s County Maryland and through the course of my educational matriculation, Prince George’s County Public Schools was the foundation of my educational aspirations. I graduated from Forestville Highschool and continued my education and attended the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, in which I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. I initially wanted to be an attorney; however, GOD had other plans for my life. I never thought of policing as a career; however, I began my career in policing in May 2005. Throughout my career, I have been able to attain my master’s degree in Business Administration as well as my Doctorate in Leadership and Organizational Management. I believe my educational background along with my professional experience, makes me capable of being a leader on the department. I have worked hard to forge a positive image for my agency and to demonstrate a balanced approach to leadership. I have worked diligently to create positive community relationships and to move our agency forward in a progressive direction.

As a Major for the Prince George’s County Police Department, I have bought a focus to internal and external issues in the department that have damaged the morale of officers as well as the community. I believe I have assisted with the renewed interest in innovating policing and improving the relationship of the community and the quality of life for the citizens I serve. The partnerships I have forged with the community and other surrounding have helped me become a model leader for the department.

I receive constant recognition from partners and the community for the positive changes we have made in the reduction of crime, removal of quality-of-life issues, developing juvenile response programs, and the building of the morale, professionalism, and enthusiasm of our officers. Some of the programs I have implemented thus far are Take It Out and Lock it Up initiative, Etch Day, District Appreciation Days, and the District VIII Newsletter. With Prince George’s County being one of the busiest police departments in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area, the day-to-day challenges have given me great insight and experience.
that is rare for the profession, which has aided me to assist in advancing the community as well as my department.

Ms. S. Orlene Grant, RN, BSN, MSN

S. Orlene Grant, RN, BSN, MSN, is the President, Founder and CEO of the Juanita C. Grant Foundation (JCGF). Ms. Grant is a dynamic leader in the aging field engaging with the community to convert ideas into community-based solutions. Ms. Grant works collaboratively with community organizations, government agencies, higher education, and non-profit partners delivering programs and services to older adults. The three core programs are the Elder Abuse and Financial Fraud Education Prevention Series, workforce training and combating social isolation and loneliness through the Village Connector Experience outreach service. Ms. Grant promotes advocacy efforts through assembling and moderating thought-provoking webinars, roundtables, and Town Hall platforms. These public forums generate thought public discussions on how inequities in community of color impact older adults, moving toward an intergenerational culture, combating ageism and elder abuse.

Ms. Grant presents at professional organizations and provides education and training to community groups. She is a frequent panelist and presenter at the National Council on Aging Age + Action annual conferences and webinars. She has been a guest on WHUR shows the Daily Drum and Taking It To the Street as well as WUSA9 Morning Show speaking on the topics of workforce training, and scams targeting older adults. Ms. Grant serves on regional boards and participates in civic activities. In continuing her development as a non-profit leader, Ms. Grant has completed the American Society on Aging 2021 Leadership Class Certificate training and is currently enrolled in the 2022 Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy Center for Public and Nonprofit Management Executive Certificate program.

Ms. Grant received her Nursing undergraduate degree and Master’s in Community Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing from Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Previous career paths include practicing as a Psychotherapist specializing family therapy, Mental Health Consultant for The Joint Commission, Executive Director of the District of Columbia Delmarva Foundation, Mayoral Appointee to the Washington DC
Commission on Mental Health and Director of Medical Homes for District of Columbia Primary Care Association.

**Ms. Julia Groenfeldt**

Julia Groenfeldt is a Program Manager at the Institute for Public Health Innovation. Julia manages programs and initiatives for the Prince George’s County Food Equity Council, an independent food policy council that advocates for county-level food and agriculture policies to promote public health, sustainability, and economic development in the local food system. Julia administers food access and assistance initiatives, including coordinating a county-wide food assistance provider network and overseeing communications and outreach among FEC members and partners.

Julia is committed to addressing food equity through initiatives that improve access to healthy and affordable foods. Before joining the FEC, Julia worked on policy, systems, and environmental change initiatives throughout Maryland and Virginia. In addition, Julia has worked as a nutrition and food systems educator where she developed and implemented garden-based curriculum and programs for elementary and middle school students. Julia holds a B.A. in Global Environmental Studies & Food Systems and M.A. in Community Development and Planning from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Ms. Jennifer Iverson**

Jennifer Iverson began her career in the field of early childhood education, with emphasis on early literacy. Before moving to Maryland, Jennifer taught Pre-K for the Santa Barbara School District in California and became a Master Teacher in the school system’s Child Development Program. Additionally, she was a child development teacher trainer, certified by the California Department of Education. Jennifer's tenure at Prince George’s Child Resource Center began in 2001 and over the last twenty years, she served in a number of positions including program manager for a $1.6 federally
funded literacy project, Development Director and Deputy Director. Jennifer became Executive Director in 2016, leading a variety of programs that impact young children, their families, and childcare providers in Prince George’s County. She holds an Executive Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University’s Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership. Jennifer is Co-Chair of the Prince George’s Early Childhood Advisory Council; member of the National Governor’s Association Early Childhood Education Workforce Sub-Committee for Maryland; and member of the Prince George’s Cabinet for Children and Youth – Chair, Early Childhood Workgroup. She serves on the Board of Directors for Maryland Family Network.

Council Member Jolene Ivey

Prince George’s County Council Member Jolene Ivey was elected to her first four-year term on the County Council in November 2018 representing Council District 5. Among Council Member Ivey’s priorities on the County Council are children and their families, the fight for environmental justice, and making sure the residents of Prince George’s County and District 5 receive speedy, effective, and courteous services from the County Government.

She previously served in Annapolis as a Delegate representing District 47 in the Maryland House of Delegates from 2007 to 2015. Ivey was elected by her colleagues to serve as Chair of the Prince George’s County House Delegation.

A former broadcast journalist with a master’s degree in Journalism from the University of Maryland, Council Member Ivey was a co-founder of Mocha Moms, a support group for at-home mothers of color, which she helped grow it into a national organization. Council Member Ivey was named one of the Daily Record’s Top 100 Women of Maryland in 2016 and was the recipient of the Maryland State NAACP’s Kweisi Mfume Excellence in Advocacy Award. She was honored to be a part of the Leadership Greater Washington Class of 2020.

She and her husband, former State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County Glenn F. Ivey, have five sons. Council Member Ivey is also stepmother to Glenn’s daughter.
Mrs. Arleen B. Joell

Arleen B. Joell, MBA, Founder/CEO for Community Advocates for Family & Youth (CAFY, Inc.) and Owner of Peers Available to Help Seniors (PATHS, LLC). She has been the catalyst for CAFY’s continuous growth which now includes CAFY Counseling & Family Center and CAFY Legal Clinic.

Ms. Joell has a long history of advocacy, training, and intervention to help those harmed by crime. She has presented at several county conferences focused on domestic violence. She has shared her expertise at conferences such as NOVA’s North American Victim Assistance Conference and Maryland Association of Resources for Family & Youth (MARFY) Conference. She facilitated “Effective Witnesses” training for social workers at the Mentoring Network, Inc. and annually trains retirees at the National Aerospace Retiree Conference. At the 2016 National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, she spoke on a personal cause and national epidemic – “Adverse Childhood Trauma”.

Ms. Joell was named 2016 Woman of the Year by Southern Prince George’s Business and Professional Women (SPG/BPW) organization and Employer of the Year in 2017 by Maryland’s Professional Business Woman. Ms. Joell continues to be involved as an Advocate in her current role as CEO and conducts numerous trainings with other faith-based and local organizations focused on reducing the impact of crime on society. She is resident of Prince George’s County, holds a Bachelors from the University of Pittsburgh and MBA from University of Maryland. She has been married to Robert Joell for 29 years and they have two adult daughters.
Ms. Karren Pope-Onwukwe, Esquire

Karren Pope-Onwukwe is a prominent elder law and disability rights attorney, bar leader and community activist. She is past president of the Elder Law and Disability Rights Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association where she continues to serve as an active member. She is co-founder and past co-chair of the Elder Law Section of the Prince George’s County Bar Association. Karren is the editor of, Practical Approaches to Maryland Guardianship, which was published in 2010. Karren was appointed vice-chair of the National Bar Association’s Elder Law Task Force from 2013 to 2016. She served the American Bar Association as chair of the Elder Law Committee of the Senior Lawyers Division from 2017-2021. In 2017 Karren was appointed to the Prince George’s County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board where she continues to serve. Since 2019 Karren has been a member of the Governing Council of the Senior Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association.

Karren is a trustee at Reid Temple A.M.E. Church, and a member of Psi Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In 2009 Karren was presented with the Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Maryland University College (“UMUC”). Karren is the recipient of the Governor’s Leadership in Aging Award’s 2012 Trailblazer Award and the North Atlantic Region of AKA’s 2012 Good Citizenship Award. Karren is the 2018 recipient of the Legal Champion of the Year Award from the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition. Karren was elected Secretary of the Maryland Democratic Party and served from 2002-2004. In 2004 Karren was one of two women elected to represent Maryland on the Democratic National Committee. The Baltimore Daily Record named Karren as one of the 100 Top Women in Maryland for 2004. Attorney Pope-Onwukwe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University; a Bachelor of Science degree from the UMUC and a Juris Doctorate degree from the Georgetown University Law Center. For more information please visit: www.kpopeatty.com
Delegate Pam Queen

Delegate Pam Queen has resided in Montgomery County, Maryland for over 40 years in which she is an integral part of her community with membership in many social and community groups, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, the Links Incorporated, National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated, and others.

She is an HBCU undergraduate from Tuskegee University with Master of Science degrees from Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. in Finance from George Washington University. She is a college professor at Morgan State University where she teaches undergraduate and MBA students; and serves as the faculty advisor for Morgan’s Black Girls Vote Chapter in which she mentors the next generation of public servants.

As a Maryland State legislator representing Legislative District 14 in Montgomery County, she champions impactful legislation that expands economic opportunities and levels-the-playing field for all residents, improves work-life balance, keeps communities safe and provides needed services to vulnerable communities. She is known for her reliable, persistent advocacy for those whose voices are often muted or misunderstood.

Ms. Carolina Reyes

Carolina Reyes: Originally from Chile, Carolina immigrated to the United States 23 years ago. Carolina is the owner and director of the Arco Iris Bilingual Children’s Center (AIBCC) in Prince George’s County Maryland. AIBCC is a bilingual childcare center that serves a diverse group of families and children in a full-time and part-time capacity. Carolina is a passionate advocate for early childhood education – including helping teachers, families, and children - and has worked in the field for the last 22 years. She is always seeking to acquire leadership skills in advocacy, public speaking, and helping develop an “elevator” pitch on the importance of education and encouraging immigrant leaders and the broader early childhood education community to speak out and be heard.
Carolina has participated in different platforms to elevate the childcare issues in our society. In the past year, she has been part of Child Care Aware of America's project with StoryCorps and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, roundtable discussions with the Democratic Women’s Caucus, and in congressional childcare briefings. In December 2021, Carolina participated as a resource expert session Early Childhood Workforce & Professional Perspectives at the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows December Convening and joined a rally organized by the Childcare for Every Family Network along with other organizations at the Capitol of our nation to ask our Congress to pass the Build Back Better. At this event, she had the honor and privilege of introducing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to the rally-goers.

Carolina has a Bachelor’s of Science in Business Administration, eleven years after arriving in the United States without having any knowledge of the English language. Carolina was also part of the first 2019-2020 cohort in the University of Maryland-Baltimore County’s Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Education Program. Carolina is working on starting her application to start a Master’s Degree in leadership and advocacy in the coming year.

Ms. E. Kim Rhim

Kim Rhim is the founder and executive director of The Training Source, Inc., a 28-year-old HUD Best Practice, Standards for Excellence® accredited, GuideStar® Platinum rated, Catalogue For Philanthropy® featured, and national Award of Excellence recipient nonprofit organization. The Training Source provides outstanding adult employment training, job placement and follow-up services; youth leadership and employability training; and community and social services for individuals and families in-need in the Washington region. The organization also provides staffing assistance, technical assistance and consulting, and management and employee development training for public and private sector organizations.

In 2016, Kim was recognized as the Radio One NAACP Hometown Champion for DC, Maryland & Virginia, Outstanding Community Leader by Maryland Black Mayors, Inc. and Woman Business Leader of the Year by Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce. She was also voted in the national Top 10 Good Neighbors in the State Farm Neighborhood Awards contest. In 2018, she was honored as a Woman Who Makes The Difference by Community Youth Advance and was featured in Who’s Who in America. In 2019, she was the first nonprofit leader to be recognized with a Nonprofit Pride Award by Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks at the county’s Women’s History Month Celebration.
and received the first Prince George’s County Nonprofit Leader of the Year award, based on popular vote, at the Greater Washington Community Foundation’s Civic Leadership Awards event. In 2020, she was presented with the William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award for Prince George’s County by Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot.

Kim is actively involved in the human services sector and has served on the Boards of Directors of Nonprofit Prince George’s County and Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations, and on many local and regional roundtables and task forces. An advocate for progress, she facilitates groups and workshops at conferences such as the Lonnie E. Mitchell Behavioral Health Policy Academy, Maryland Association of Community Services Conferences, and former US Congresswoman Donna Edwards’ Workforce Development and Nonprofit Summits. She also teaches noncredit classes at several area community colleges.

Prior to creating The Training Source, Kim enjoyed a ten-year career serving in several professional and managerial positions at IBM Corporation. She holds a BBA, magna cum laude, from Howard University and an MBA in finance, corporate relations and management from Columbia University. She is also a certified Job Developer, Resume Writer and Global Career Development Facilitator. She resides in Prince George’s County, Maryland with her husband, Michael, and they have two adult children.

Ms. Angie Rodgers

Angie Rodgers is the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic Development in the Office of Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. She provides leadership and oversight to ten County-chartered, quasi- and independent agencies focused on economic development projects, affordable housing, parks, planning, tourism, small business growth, employment/workforce development, and arts.

With a track record of executing mixed finance transactions and large-scale development projects, Rodgers joined the Office of the County Executive from the District of Columbia where she most recently served as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED). Previously, she was the Director of the New Communities Initiative (NCI) in DMPED where she was responsible for the redevelopment of four public housing neighborhoods with a development potential up to 6,000 residential units, 100,000 square feet of commercial space and a $2 billion valuation.
Possessing a diverse background in affordable housing, real estate finance, policy research and public advocacy, Rodgers is adept at collaborating with regional and national stakeholders to implement innovative solutions to community challenges.

Dr. Darlene R. Saunders, PhD, MPH, MCHES

Dr. Darlene R. Saunders has a passion for improving the health-related quality of life for underserved and marginalized populations. She is a master certified health education specialist with extensive experience in program development and management, research and evaluation, training, capacity building, and implementing technical assistance services for non-profit organizations, state and local government agencies, and faith-based organizations.

Currently, Dr. Saunders is a Special Projects Manager in the Health & Wellness Division at the Prince George’s County Health Department. She develops new initiatives, analyzes health policies and programs, cultivates new partnerships, and coordinates resources to deliver quality disease prevention and health promotion programs to improve community health outcomes. Dr. Saunders also facilitates evidence-based health programs offered to County residences. She is a lifestyle coach for the National Diabetes Prevention Program developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a master trainer for Chronic Disease Self-Management and Diabetes Self-Management Programs developed by Stanford University.

Dr. Saunders leads the Healthy Corner Store Initiative (HCSI) at the Prince George’s County Health Department, established in March 2019, to address food insecurity in county-designated Healthy Food Priority Areas. The HCSI advisory committee consists of key stakeholders to inform its approach, provide technical assistance, and recommend policies to enhance the adoption of this initiative in Prince George’s County. Dr. Saunders also directs the Health Department’s COVID-19 Demonstration Project funded by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO).

Dr. Saunders has worked on national initiatives that addressed health disparities. At the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation, she administered a portfolio of grants and contracts for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) totaling over 5.1 million on HIV/AIDS education and prevention, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer. She has held faculty appointments at various universities, made numerous
professional presentations, authored and co-authored peer-reviewed publications and monographs on community health interventions, school health, and emerging issues in public health.

Dr. Saunders participates in many professional and community service endeavors. Over the past year, she served on the Prince George’s County Food Security Taskforce. She recently completed five years of service (2015-2020) on the Division Board for Certification of Health Education Specialists of the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing. Currently, Dr. Saunders serves on NACCHO’s Infectious Disease and Prevention Control Workforce Training Council and is the co-chair of the Society of Public Health Education HBCUs Advisory Council.

Dr. Saunders received her Bachelor of Science in Health Education from Old Dominion University, Master of Public Health from the University of Tennessee, and a doctorate in Public & Community Health from the University of Maryland.

She enjoys traveling, attending cultural events, and cycling during her leisure time.

**Mr. Franklin Shelton**

Franklin Shelton is a graduate of Howard University School of Law and has over 15 years of prosecutorial experience.

Before working as a prosecutor, Franklin worked as an assistant public defender. In his present capacity, Franklin serves as the chief of the Prince George's County, Maryland State’s Attorney's Office's Special Prosecutions Unit, which prosecutes offenses such as theft, mortgage fraud, undue influence, financial exploitation of vulnerable adults, credit card misuse, and identity theft.

The Special Prosecutions Unit also prosecutes motor vehicle manslaughter, arson, and environmental crimes.
Delegate Kris Valderrama

Delegate Kris Valderrama is a lifelong resident of District 26 in Prince George's County, and a proud graduate of Oxon Hill High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy from Salisbury State University.

She was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2006 and was recently appointed House Deputy Majority Leader. Delegate Valderrama serves on the Economic Matter’s Committee where she chairs the Alcohol Beverages Subcommittee. She also serves on the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee. As part of the Prince George’s County Delegation, she chairs the Bi-County Committee and serves on the delegations Leadership Committee. She is immediate past president and former vice president of the Asian and Pacific Island Caucus of the General Assembly. She serves on several national legislative committees.

Kris is married and the mother of two daughters.
Workshops

1. Food Insecurity

Speakers:
- Dr. Deborah Archer, University of MD Extension Service
- Julia Groenfeldt, Prince George’s County Food Equity Council
- Dr. Darlene Saunders, Prince George’s Department of Health

2. Economy and Its Effect on Women and Girls in Prince George’s County

Speakers:
- Angie Rodgers, Deputy CAO, Prince George’s County
- Delegate Kris Valderamma (sponsor of Time to Care Act)
- Kim Rhim, Executive Director, The Training Source

3. Child Care Services

Speakers:
- Jennifer Iverson, Executive Director, Child Care Resources Center
- Delegate Pamela Queen (Montgomery County)
- Carolina Reyes, Director/Owner, Arco Iris Bilingual Children’s Center

4. Law Enforcement and the Community

Speakers:
- Major Katina Gomez, Chief DV Unit, Prince George’s County
- Tina Frundt, Courtney’s House
- Arleen Joell, Community Advocates for Family and Youth

5. Elder Protection and Safety

Speakers:
- Karren Pope-Onwukwe, Attorney for Elder Law
- Orlene Grant, Juanita Grant Foundation
- Franklin Shelton, Office of State’s Attorney
LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADVOCACY

The Prince George’s County Commission for Women does not endorse any of the legislation listed below. It is provided for informational purposes, only. These bills relate to the issue workshops held during the 2022 Women’s Legislative Briefing. Please note that these bills may be withdrawn or differ in content during the legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Maryland General Assembly

Employment
House Bill 8/Senate Bill 27
Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2022)

House Bill 255
Maryland Internship Opportunities Program—Creation and Tax Credit

House Bill 698
Labor and Employment – State Minimum Wage Rate - Increase

Child Care
House Bill 89
Child Care Stabilization Grant Program and Child Care Expansion Grant Program – Establishment

Law Enforcement/Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking
Senate Bill 134
Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Training Requirements – Electronic Stalking

(No Bill Number)
Safe Harbor

House Bill 165
Sexual Abuse & Assault—Awareness and Prevention Program—Human and Sex Trafficking

House Bill 225/Senate Bill 200
Criminal Procedures Victims of Sex Assaulitive Behavior

Senate Bill 31
Public Information Act – Inspection of Records From Body-Worn Digital Recording Devices

**Elder Protection and Safety/Elder Law**
House Bill 161
Criminal Law Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults and Elderly Individuals – Undue Influence

House Bill 166/Senate Bill 27
Alzheimer Disease & Dementia—Council & Coordination of Services (Dementia Services Act of 2022)

Senate Bill 357
Adult Protective Services - Vulnerable Adults Registry - Investigations and Records of Abuse and Neglect and Workgroup Study

**Food Insecurity**
House Bill 179
Counties and State Legislative Food Environment Reports

**Other**
House Bill 6/Senate Bill 150
Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Coverage for Adults

Senate Bill 49
Criminal Law – Person in a Position of Authority – Sexual Offenses with a Minor
History

Established in 1972, by the Prince George's County Council to work for women’s equality, the Prince George's County Commission for Women (PGC-CFW) has had a proud history of service. Over the years the Commission has initiated a number of programs that assure the equal treatment of women in educational matters, promote recognition of accomplishments, and ensure that specific problems that affect the well-being of women.

Vision

Every woman and girl in Prince George's County has access to unlimited opportunities to achieve social, political, and economic equality.

Appointed Commission Members*

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Commissioner Deborah Wilder (Vice Chair)  
Commissioner Sharon Smith (Secretary)  
Commissioner Judith Davis  
Commissioner Lanta Evans-Motte  
Commissioner Shantelle Coleman (Historian)  
Commissioner Robbie Terry (Parliamentarian)  
Commissioner Beatrice Rodgers  
Commissioner Dr. Carolyn White-Washington

*The Prince George's County Commission for Women also consists of representatives from the following County organizations: The Human Relations Commission, the Board of Education, the Department of Health, and the Department of Social Services

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Thank you

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- Ms. Lyrica Welch, Commission for Women Liaison, Office of the County Executive, Prince George’s County
- Technology Services, Office of Information Technology, Prince George’s County

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We invite you to stay in engaged with us by:

- **Becoming a volunteer** - Volunteers are sought to participate in Commission sub-committees and other activities. [Link](#)
- **Attending a virtual meeting** - Meetings occur the 2nd Thursday of every month from 6PM - 8PM. [Link](#)