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Carol Cramer Brooks has thirty-two years in service to youth across the juvenile justice service continuum. Ms. Cramer Brooks is the Director of the OJJDP’s National Center for Youth in Custody (NCYC), a training and technical assistance center created to assist staff in juvenile detention, corrections and adult facilities serving youth. She is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS).

Ms. Cramer Brooks has experience in detention (county operated, pre-adjudicated status) and corrections (state operated, post-adjudicated treatment) facilities, government grants, and detention education. She is the former Director of Program Development and Support Services for the State of Michigan’s Department of Human Services, Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ). In this capacity she was responsible for the education, quality assurance, policy, and resident assignment units for the BJJ. Prior to her position in state government, Ms. Cramer Brooks served as the principal of the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home Schools in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where she also was a special education teacher for 16 years.

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Joyce Burrell is a principal researcher at the American Institutes for Research, where she is project director of the OJJDP State Training and Technical Assistance Center within the Human and Social Development Program and The National Girls’ Institute. Joyce served as the Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and directed the Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY) from 2007–2011, where she introduced and implemented trauma-focused care, supported the implementation of several evidence-based treatment interventions, and supported a team in developing a comprehensive model of mental health care and behavior management for children and youth in 31 facilities and all of the community offices in the juvenile system. Reforming institutional care required reform in diversion and aftercare/reentry. Think Exit at Entry became the theme of the organizational unit. Having done this type of work at the local level in Philadelphia and Washington, DC, New York provided the backdrop for scaling to statewide implementation of evidence-based and trauma-informed care in juvenile justice. Of her 25 years of experience in juvenile justice, 13 were spent leading large urban systems in Washington, DC, and Philadelphia in cross-systems approaches to service delivery. Joyce focused much of the last 15 years helping systems address the nexus between juvenile justice and unmet mental health and substance abuse treatment and educational needs of youth.

Joyce has spent eight year at the American Institutes for Research (AIR), based in Washington, DC, where, as a principal researcher and senior research analyst, she has been spending time directing comprehensive, cross-system projects providing technical assistance to organizations and entities serving or supporting the needs of the most complex youth in public systems. She has led the National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Children Who are Neglected, Delinquent or At Risk, and provided technical assistance to the grant communities serving seriously emotionally disturbed youth and their families. This was through the DHHS program known as the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services to Children and Their Families at the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). She has served as a commissioner for the ACA
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Since 2002, she has served as adjunct faculty with Indiana University teaching classes in juvenile justice and social work at Indiana University-Purdue University. Pam has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from William Woods College and a master’s degree in social work (MSW) from Indiana University, and she is a Certified Youth Care-Professional (CYC-P). She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS), and the Association of Child and Youth Care Practice (ACYCP).

**Kelly Dedel, PhD**

Kelly Dedel is a consultant based in Cody, WY. For the past 15 years, she has worked as a court-appointed monitor in cases involving the conditions of confinement in juvenile detention and correctional facilities. A recognized expert in the areas of protection from harm (e.g., behavior management programs, disciplinary systems, incident reporting, grievance procedures, use of force, classification, rehabilitative programming, investigations of staff misconduct), suicide prevention, special education, and quality assurance, Dr. Dedel has monitored and provided technical assistance to approximately 75 facilities throughout the country. Part of her role as a monitor involves helping jurisdictions build an internal capacity—through Quality
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Professor Deitch has authored three major reports on juveniles in the adult criminal justice system, including *From Time Out to Hard Time: Young Children in the Adult Criminal Justice System* (2009). In 2013, working on behalf of the Texas juvenile justice agency’s Independent Ombudsman, Professor Deitch conducted a major study of youth violence in Texas’s state-run secure juvenile correctional facilities. Her report, co-authored with her students and highlighting nationally recognized best practices in behavior management, culminated in significant reforms within the juvenile agency. Her approach to behavior management is informed by her earlier experience as a researcher in a therapeutic community prison in England, as a court-appointed monitor of conditions in the Texas prison system, and as a member of a blue-ribbon task force to reform the Texas juvenile justice system.

Professor Deitch co-chairs an ABA Committee on prison oversight and consults with justice system agencies around the country. She was awarded a prestigious Soros Senior Justice Fellowship in 2005 and was named “Outstanding Juvenile Justice Advocate of the Year” by the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition in 2011. Previously, Professor Deitch served as a full-time court-appointed monitor of conditions in the Texas prison system in the landmark civil rights case of *Ruiz v. Estelle*, and held high-level criminal justice policy positions with the Texas Legislature. She holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, an M.Sc. in psychology from Oxford University, and a B.A. from Amherst College.

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Rodney Erwin is a child and adolescent psychiatrist in clinical practice at Kaiser Permanente in Northern California. He attended medical school at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and completed an internship in Pediatrics in Boston in a combined residency program at Boston University and Harvard University. He completed adult psychiatry training and an additional fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco.

Throughout his career, Dr. Erwin has had a desire to work with and advocate for children and adolescents, as well as adults, with exposure to trauma. He has worked as a psychiatrist in adult and juvenile detention facilities and a psychiatric consultant to a residential treatment center for children with severe emotional disorders, usually related to trauma and neglect.

Dr. Erwin has served as the health care and mental health care expert on federal monitoring teams monitoring conditions of confinement in juvenile justice facilities. As a result of this involvement, Dr. Erwin was invited to be a member of the National Center for Youth In Custody’s Working Group in 2010. Dr. Erwin has advised NCYC staff on addressing mental health issues for youth in confinement, authored the Behavior Management Bulletin, presented in the NCYC webinars, “Creating Healthy Environments: Supporting the Mental Health of Youth in Confinement Facilities” and “Isolation Practices with Vulnerable Populations,” and provided training on adolescent brain development as part of an OJJDP training team in Morocco.

**Randall W. Farmer, MEd**
Randall Farmer is currently in his eighth year as the Educational Director of the Lincoln Public Schools Pathfinder Education program in the Lancaster County Youth Services Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. This is both a secure/non-secure, 80-bed facility for youth ages 10–19. Randall serves on the Executive Committee of the National Partnership for Juvenile Services and is the current council president of the Council for Educators of At-Risk and Delinquent Youth. He serves on the Executive Committee for the Nebraska Department of Education Committee for the Education of Students in Out of Home Placement, and chairs the independent organization Nebraska Educators for Students At-Risk. Randall has been an educator of youth at risk for 25 years in a variety of settings—a psychiatric hospital, alternative school, inner-city based school, and juvenile justice facilities. Randall has an undergraduate degree in Anthropology and is a certified educator in Broad Field Social Sciences and Administration from the University of Nebraska. He has also earned an M.Ed. in Educational Psychology from Temple University. Having visited over 30 different facility education programs, consulted with facilities and administrators, and spent years in committees/organizations and designing educational programs, the complexity of educating youth at risk and specifically juvenile justice-involved youth is an ongoing passion.

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Nelson Griffis is a juvenile justice consultant specializing in behavioral intervention, juvenile offender treatment, and facility design. Dr. Griffis has more than 40 years of service in the fields of education and juvenile justice administration. He has been a probation officer, social worker, youth worker, detention home director for 4 counties, and a training school director and Executive Director of two private correctional agencies treating male and female chronic and violent juvenile offenders. He specializes in behavior modification, rule and discipline systems, and cognitive behavioral interventions. He has a Ph.D. in Social Work from The Ohio State University and has taught at the community college level, The Ohio State University, and Calvin College. He was the director of the W. J. Maxey Boys Training School campus—operating six training schools (600 youth) for the state of Michigan—and was the director of the largest girls training school campus (200 youth) in the state of Michigan. He was also the Executive Director of Spectrum Juvenile Justice Services, a private high-security training school for 160 youth in Wayne County (Detroit) Michigan. He has operated sex offender, cognitively impaired, and dangerous offender treatment programs for youth ages 12–21. Dr. Griffis has published over 50 applied research articles, consulted on the design of 15 detention homes and high-security training schools, and received three distinguished service awards.
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Dr. Hanlin is a psychologist in private practice, providing consultation, supervision, and therapy, with a focus on child abuse and trauma. In 1979, he began working with youth who sexually abused in a juvenile detention center. Since 1979, his work with these youth continued in correctional facilities, residential treatment centers, and community-based agencies. He began developing, implementing, and supervising programs for these youth in 1987 and continued until he entered private practice in 2013. Dr. Hanlin also engages in research, provides workshops and trainings, and volunteers in several organization to address issues related to sexual abuse. He currently teaches in the IN-AJSOP certification program, which provides a certification for therapists who work with youth who sexually abuse in Indiana.

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Steven Jett

Steven Jett has been the Administrator of the 90-bed Southwest Idaho Juvenile Detention Center since March 1, 1993. He served on the Executive Board of the ID Assoc. of County Juvenile Justice Administrators from 1992 until 2011, and served two terms as president of the National Juvenile Detention Association from 2008 until 2012. In 1996, he co-chaired the committee that compiled the Idaho Standards for Secure Juvenile Detention Centers, and later organized and conducted compliance monitoring inspections of the centers throughout the State. In the late 1990s, he worked with the Juvenile Training Council to organize Idaho’s Basic Juvenile Detention Officer Academy, where he still teaches several courses including one on PREA. He has been involved with PREA since 2005, and submitted many comments regarding draft versions of the standards. In 2013, Steve’s facility was the first in the nation to undergo a PREA Audit and the first facility of any type in the nation to be 100% PREA-compliant. Steve has completed several PREA Audits and
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Charles Kehoe is the Chief Operating Officer of Kehoe Correctional Consulting, LLC in Midlothian, Virginia. Kehoe has worked in juvenile and adult corrections in four states and has been the director of three agencies. He is also an advisor to the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy on military correctional affairs. His experience includes positions in the public and private sectors in the corrections field. Kehoe has served as an expert witness in federal and state courts in 16 states. He has also toured correctional facilities in a number of foreign countries. Kehoe has testified before the U.S. Congress on two occasions and before numerous state and local legislative bodies. He is the author of 24 articles on corrections and juvenile justice. Kehoe is also an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University in the Criminal Justice Program. Kehoe holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois, is a Certified Corrections Executive, a Certified ACA Accreditation Auditor, and a Certified PREA Auditor. He is a Past President of the American Correctional Association and is a member of other professional correctional associations. Kehoe has received nine awards for his contributions to the field of corrections and juvenile justice, including the American Correctional Association’s E. R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award.

Wayne Liddell

Wayne Liddell is currently the owner and primary consultant for Wayne R. Liddell and Associates. Prior to his retirement in 2006, Mr. Liddell served as the Director of the Berrien County Juvenile Center (Michigan) for 15 years and has worked in juvenile justice for over 35 years. He is a Past President of both the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association and the National Juvenile Detention Association. He has also served as a member of the Board of Governors, as well as the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections with the American Correctional Association. He also served as adjunct faculty at Lake Michigan College for 15 years.

Mr. Liddell has an extensive background in training and consulting, specializing in the areas of policy and procedure development, program development and implementation, facility operations, organizational development, behavior management/crisis intervention, and staff development.
Throughout his career as a juvenile justice practitioner, Mr. Liddell has been committed to developing and implementing positively-focused and effective programs for youth. He has been directly involved in the development and implementation of cognitive behavioral interventions and positively-based behavior management systems for juvenile detention and residential populations. Mr. Liddell has also implemented a wide range of other programming activities for these populations. As a consultant and trainer, he has provided considerable assistance to numerous jurisdictions seeking to develop effective programs for youth. Mr. Liddell earned a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University.

Jim Moeser

Jim Moeser is the Deputy Director of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. He has worked in juvenile justice for nearly 40 years, serving in a number of positions with the Dane County Juvenile Court Program in Madison, Wisconsin, including 16 years as the Juvenile Court Administrator, and as the Administrator for the State of Wisconsin Division of Juvenile Corrections in 2003. Jim has been involved in a wide variety of community and juvenile justice system related efforts, including overseeing operations of secure and non-secure residential facilities, gang intervention programs, restitution and victim services, and other system reform efforts. Jim has been involved in training and consultation in areas of Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ), juvenile detention alternatives, coordinating mental health and juvenile justice services, juvenile offender reentry, and other restorative practices. Jim has published articles on implementing BARJ principles in detention settings and is co-editor of “The Desktop Guide to Juvenile Offender Reentry for Confinement Facilities,” published in 2004. Jim received a B.S. in Social Welfare at UW-Oshkosh and a Master’s Degree in Counseling from Arizona State University.

Since retiring from Dane County in January, 2008, Jim continued working as a juvenile justice consultant and in November, 2008, assumed the role of Deputy Director of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, a multi-issue state advocacy organization. In 2007, Jim received recognition for Outstanding Service and Advocacy from the National Juvenile Detention Association and currently serves as the Chair of Wisconsin’s State Advisory Group and as Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) for OJJDP.

Anne M. Nelsen, MSW, MPA
Anne Nelsen is a juvenile justice consultant in Salt Lake City, Utah. She retired from the Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services, where she ran a detention center, a long-term secure facility, and an observation and assessment center. She also served as the Division’s Assistant Director and as a Regional Director. She has served as a court-appointed monitor for detention centers, as a monitor for the Department of Justice, as an expert witness for both plaintiffs and defendants in lawsuits in numerous states, generally dealing with conditions of confinement and protection from harm in juvenile facilities. She has conducted facility assessments in several jurisdictions and has contracted to write and review policies and standards for a number of agencies. She is a certified PREA auditor, an ACA auditor, and has served on the ACA Commission on Accreditation for Corrections. She is a former president of the National Juvenile Detention Association and the National Association of Juvenile Correctional Agencies. She is a founding member of the governing board of the National Partnership for Juvenile Services and currently serves on the NPJS Executive Committee.

**Elissa Rumsey**

Elissa Rumsey has worked at OJJDP since 1997. She began in the Research Division, where she managed multiple national research and evaluation initiatives. In 1999, Ms. Rumsey became a State Representative, working with states to comply with the JJDP Act, and in 2005, she was selected to be OJJDP’s Compliance Monitoring Coordinator. Ms. Rumsey has also been an adjunct professor at the University of Baltimore, where she taught “Solutions to Youth Problems” and “Adult and Juvenile Corrections.” Prior to joining OJJDP, she was Associate Director of Research for Fight Crime: Invest in Kids and also worked as a Pretrial Specialist at the Alameda County (CA) Jail. Ms. Rumsey is a volunteer instructor and member of the board for Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR), a nonprofit reentry program in Arlington, VA. In 2003, she was chosen as Volunteer of the Year for Arlington County, VA. Ms. Rumsey has a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology with a minor in Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University in Boston.

**Mykel Selph**

Mykel Selph is a Criminal Justice Consultant for The Moss Group, Inc. Prior to her current position, she was the Director of the Office of Girls and Gender at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) in Chicago. Ms. Selph is an adjunct faculty member in DePaul University’s Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies department. At Cook County, she led efforts to develop and implement culturally
relevant recommendations to be gender responsive and trauma informed. She also fostered relationships with system and community partners to provide residents a foundation from which to seek resources for reentry to the community. Her achievements in this role to date include helping to launch the first LGBTQ Task Force for the Cook County Juvenile Court, and developing a partnership with Dr. Angela Irvine of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) to conduct research about LGBTQ youth in juvenile facilities. Ms. Selph regularly conducts LGBTQ training seminars for local juvenile justice personnel. In the last year, she has been requested to facilitate training in multiple regions in Illinois, as well as at several conferences throughout the United States. Prior to working in juvenile justice, Ms. Selph spent a decade working with adolescents in community and residential settings. She also managed emergency homeless services on Chicago’s north side. Ms. Selph earned Master’s degrees in Public Administration and Community Counseling.

Jennifer Sloan, MSW

Jennifer Sloan has more than 15 years of service in the fields of education and social work. She has taught at the college level in the social sciences, as a certified teacher in the Detroit Public Schools system—where she served as the director of several award-winning instrumental music programs throughout Detroit, and as a specialized student services instructor with cognitively impaired youth. Ms. Sloan completed her graduate degree at the University of Michigan School of Social Work, and an internship with a Detroit juvenile justice day treatment center. Ms. Sloan graduated summa cum laude in 2009, at which time she was selected to give the commencement address. Ms. Sloan has worked as a home-based therapist with children and families referred by the Michigan Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Department in Wayne County, Detroit. She has been employed with Spectrum Juvenile Justice Services since 2009, where she began as a therapist within the chronic violent offender and sex offender treatment program and has served as the Clinical Services Manager since 2011. In this role, she served as a lead contributor in enhancing the therapeutic and programmatic design of the treatment program, authored company publications, and conducted ongoing trainings for the agency’s clinicians, all company employees, and community stakeholders. Ms. Sloan currently serves as the Associate Clinical Director of Spectrum Juvenile Justice Services, where she functions as an administrative leader in treatment programming, provides clinical supervision to clinical services managers and 14 Masters level clinicians, and continues to conduct company and community trainings and seminars. Ms. Sloan has been a guest lecturer at public and charter schools and local colleges and universities. She continues to be a member in good standing of the
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Michelle Staples-Horne, MD, MS, MPH, CCHP

Michelle Staples-Horne has been Medical Director for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice for twenty years and is responsible for the clinical supervision of medical services to youth served by the Department in 27 facilities across the state. She is responsible for initiating Georgia’s program to provide health services to DJJ youth in secure confinement. Dr. Staples-Horne received her Medical Degree from the Morehouse School of Medicine and her Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from Emory University in Atlanta. She holds both a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Biology from Clark Atlanta University with research experience in Biochemistry and Microbiology. Her clinical experience includes Pediatrics at Columbia University’s Babies Hospital in New York and Preventive Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine. She is a Certified Correctional Health Professional. Dr. Staples-Horne serves on the Juvenile and the Health Care Committees of the American Correctional Association, the Juvenile Health Committee of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, and is Past President of the Society of Correctional Physicians. She also is a part-time adolescent health provider for a local public health clinic. Dr. Staples-Horne has conducted training for ACA, NCCHC, CDC, NIC, and NPJS; provided subject matter expert consultation and contributed several articles and book chapters on correctional health care.

Kathy Starkovich, MS

Kathy Starkovich is a Deputy Director at the DuPage County Department of Probation and Court Services in Wheaton, IL. She has worked with the Department for seventeen years, with a majority of service in a detention setting. Kathy is passionate about taking a strength-based approach with youth and integrating evidence-based strategies into detention programming. She believes programming and behavior management systems should be integrated to meet the goals of improved institutional safety and to influence pro-social change. She has provided extensive training within her own agency and contractually to other jurisdictions on effective behavior management strategies and cognitive-behavioral interventions with youth. In addition to her detention experience, Kathy also has worked within juvenile and adult probation settings. Kathy continues to serve as an adjunct faculty
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