

System of Care Advisory Council - Member Biographies

Lacey Andreson

Serving SOCAC since July 2025

Representation: Oregon Department of Human Services – Child Welfare

Adam Peterson

Serving SOCAC since December 2023

Representation: Coordinated Care Organization



Why I am on the Council:

I am on the council because I believe in the power of systems working together to better serve youth and families. I began working in the Wraparound planning process over 10 years ago and saw the benefits of people aligning to work on the goals and vision of a youth and family. I have served on every level of System of Care, the local Wraparound Review Committee, Practice Level Workgroup, System Advisory Council, and Executive Committee. Now, I am excited to take what I've learned from the local System of Care level to the SOCAC!

Greatest hope for the Council:

My greatest hope for the SOCAC is that we can meaningfully integrate youth and family expertise into the committee to make it a model for an experience led, systems supported Council.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I am wildly in love with my little family – my lovely wife, our 4-year-old son, and our extremely neurotic rescue dog Munch. Everything that I do in my life is with them in mind!
- While my family may be my forever “why,” not far behind is my love for Oregon Duck football. I am a proud Duck, and season ticket holder. If our SOCAC meetings are ever after a home game, I will likely not be speaking much because chances are that I have lost my voice from cheering so loudly. GO DUCKS!
- 2 years ago, I accomplished a huge goal and completed Ironman Alaska! It was so hard, and so awesome, all in one.

Adam Rodakowski (he/him/his)

Serving SOCAC since December 2023

Representation: Agency that serves and supports youth and families



Why I am on the Council:

Having lived my entire life in Oregon, I'm committed to the health and wellbeing of the children in our state. I'm passionate about not only addressing needs for youth with the highest needs in our state, but also how we shift as a system to support those youth and their families earlier to help improve their outcomes in the future.

Greatest hope for the Council:

Creating meaningful, sustainable change to create healthier children and families in Oregon, while also understanding the need for action needed now for children with complex care needs.

Background:

I currently work for Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc.(GOBHI) leading our Therapeutic Foster Care Program, the Foster Plus collaborative (www.fosterplus.org), and the Oregon Kinship Navigator program (www.oregonkinshipnavigator.org). Additionally, I provide support to the Children's System of Care across Eastern Oregon. Prior to GOBHI I worked in a variety of roles with DHS Child Welfare and the Oregon Health Authority. I received my BS in Public Policy & Administration from Western Oregon University, and my Master of Social Work from Portland State University with a concentration on Practice and Leadership with Communities and Organizations.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I have a Corgi named Ferguson,
- Was raised on a Hazelnut farm in rural Oregon, and
- Enjoy finding places to explore nature in Oregon that don't have cell phone service!

Alisha Overstreet (she/her/hers)

Serving SOCAC since August 2022



Representation: Family member - intellectual/developmental disability or mental illness

Why I am on the Council:
Family representative

Greatest hope for the Council:

My greatest hope for the council is that SOCAC can be a model on how to authentically include disenfranchised voices calling forth and disrupting power differentials in decision-making processes, elevating lived experience as an expertise, and including those of us directly impacted by systems from the very beginning of policy making.

Background:

I am a community member with over 15 years of lived experience navigating multiple systems on the local, state, and federal levels on behalf of several of my own family members. My interests include topics relating to developmental disability services, mental health, the intersection between law and psychology, community accessibility, education, neurodiversity acceptance, living in varying geographical areas (i.e., urban vs rural), being bi-lingual in German, and the impact of public policy on those closest to the problems.

My active engagement, professional, and personal experiences bring forth unique insights to the complexities of inter-agency communication and collaboration from the perspective of an advocate, family member, community partner, and individual accessing services and programs. This, combined with my education in Forensic Psychology, M.S. and my unabating need to learn drives me to continue this work and challenge the status-quo using collaborative and inquisitive practices, while placing Lived Experience at the fore front.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- My career goal in high school was to become a Neurosurgeon, but I (not-so-secretly) dove into activities that often included public policy, government, and law during my Senior year such as Debate, and Model United States Senate.
- I am the parent of two furry-babies: Master Chief – our TeddyBear Rottweiler-mix, and Thurston – our slightly ornery Shih Tzu.
- I LOVE to learn – *it may actually be a slight obsession of mine*: Podcasts, Documentaries, Books, Self-guided courses, Scholarly and popular articles, government/community reports, policy updates, etc. with special interest in areas including True Crime, U.S. and State Constitution and History, Philosophical Thought, Public Policy, Disability, as well as the intersections of Psychology and Law.

Allison Stark

Serving SOCAC since December 2023

Representation: Organizations that advocate for families of youth



Why I am on the Council:

I've spent my entire professional career working in the disability and mental health service field. I have advocacy, provider, and state government experience. As the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities for the State of Illinois I was heavily involved with systems change work including policy development, legislative engagement, consensus building, and most importantly making real impact on the systems of support impacting children and adult with disabilities. I am

inspired by the SOCAC's centering of youth and family voices in the work and look forward to learning from others, engaging on issues, and developing strategies to move the system forward.

Greatest hope for the Council:

I think Oregon has a lot of opportunity for growth and change to better support kids with disabilities and mental health challenges across the state. I think the Council can be impactful in this space.

Background:

I am currently the Chief Executive Officer of Albertina Kerr. Kerr empowers youth and adults with developmental disabilities (I/DD) and mental health challenges to lead self-determined lives in their communities. Besides being a member of the SOCAC, I am also a Board member of the Arc Oregon and the Oregon Resource Association. I hold a master's degree from the University of Chicago, a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and a Nonprofit Management Certificate from Chicago's North Park University.

3 things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I love cats!
- I could eat cereal every day for every meal.
- I won a Sunny Delight (90s orange flavored drink) drawing contest in 4th grade and won a Sunny Delight calculator. I sometimes wonder what happened to the calculator.

Anderson DeBoise

Serving SOCAC since June 2024

Representation: Youth Advocate, REAP

Andrew Grover (he/him/his)

Serving SOCAC since January 2023



Representation: Agency that serves and supports youth and families.

Why I am on the Council:

To help youth and families achieve their full potential we need a better System of Care...One with improved policy, funding, and coordination.

Greatest hope for the Council:

Steady progress toward a sustainable, healthy, and accountable system of services and supports. A system that can show it helps improve people's quality of life in a clear and compelling way.

Background:

- Current: Executive Director, Youth Villages Oregon
- 2006: Master of Public Health from Portland State
- Years before: Worked directly with kids and families in homes, communities, and residential programs.
- Long ago: a child who came up through the system. Personally, I spent years in residential, foster care, and juvenile justice programs.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- Building all the furniture in our family home (slowly)
- Slacklining clears my mind (sort of like tightrope walking but not so tight)
- Married with a college age daughter + two little ones (3- and 5-year-olds)

Annette Majekodunmi (she/her/hers)

Serving SOCAC since February 2020



Representation: Family member – foster care or juvenile justice

Why I'm on the Council?

I always want the parent voice to be heard. For so long we have been overlooked, especially African Americans residents. I'm inspired by families with lived experience with systems who want to change things to help others.

Greatest hope for the Council?

That we always consider those impacted by policies as we sit on the council. Last two jobs: Parent and Community Engagement Coordinator and Case manager with POIC in Multnomah County

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I love to travel. Amsterdam and London are always on my list.
- I Zumba at least 4 days a week for my Cardio.
- I'm a classic Movie fan.

Carissa Cousins (she/her/hers)

Serving SOCAC since March 2023

Representation: Pediatric physician

Why I am on the Council:

As a pediatrician and child abuse physician, I have had the opportunity to view multiple systems in which families are involved. Being on the council is an opportunity to work with a team that works toward improving systems for families and a team that embraces learning from systems that work well.

Greatest hope for the Council:

My hope is that the council continues to address the needs of all families in Oregon so that all children have the opportunities to have optimal well-being.

Background:

I have been a pediatrician for over 20 years. Following residency, I worked in a pediatric ER for 8 years. I then spent time working with Doctors Without Borders. I moved to Oregon in 2011 and began working in primary care and child abuse pediatrics.

Cynthia Cecil

Serving SOCAC since September 2023

Representation: Tribal Representative

Why I am on the Council:

As an enrolled tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, as well as the Clinical Director of Behavioral Health at Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center I feel I can bring a unique perspective to the Council in helping to address disparities and inequalities within the tribal population.

Greatest hope for the Council:

Work collaboratively with the SOC Team to address and combat inequities and disparities that do harm, creating a system that is all inclusive, fair, and respectful.

Background:

I received my Master's in Social Work in 2014 from Walla Walla University securing employment with Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center working directly in the Umatilla County School District with Native youth suffering from behavioral health issues. I obtained clinical licensure in 2017. After seven years in the schools, I made a very tough decision to move into management applying for the mental health manager position at Yellowhawk. In 2021 I became the MH Manager and in 2022 I applied for and became the Behavioral Health Clinical Director overseeing mental health and chemical dependency programs.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I love my three boys with a fierce passion.
- I am an avid traveler focused on making memories with my husband and children.
- I love music; if you visit me at home you can bet you'll hear classic rock in the kitchen, 80's rock in the bathroom, blues/hip hop on the porch.

Dan Thoma (he/him/his)

Serving SOCAC since March 2020



Representation: Commercial insurance

Why I am on the Council:

I have had positive experiences collaborating with other stakeholders to improve and integrate our systems of care. I would like to keep building on that to try to strengthen our delivery system, improve access and enable clinicians to do their best work.

Greatest hope for the Council:

That we produce concrete results.

Background:

For the past 17 years I've led Moda Health's behavioral health program. I also worked previously in community mental health on crisis and outpatient teams.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I was a pole vaulter in high school.
 - I love planting trees.
 - I love Excel because I hate math.
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Dana Hittle

Serving SOCAC since May 2024

Representation: Department of Human Services Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities

Ebony Clark

Serving SOCAC since July 2024

Representation: Oregon Health Authority

Emily Cooper (she/her/hers)

Serving SOCAC since January 2021



Representation: Oregon's federally mandated disability protection and advocacy agency

Why I am on the Council:

I am the representative from Oregon's federally mandated disability protection and advocacy agency - Disability Rights Oregon. I have spent my entire career trying to improve systems that serve people with disabilities.

Greatest hope for the Council:

We help close the gaps between child caring systems while being led by those with lived experience.

Background:

I lead a team of attorneys and advocates who work to uphold the rights of Oregonians with disabilities. Currently, I am spearheading DRO's work enforcing the Wyatt v. Brown settlement agreement that seeks a safer foster care system that provides youth the services they need to thrive.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I am a goofball and plan my families' Halloween costumes nearly year-round.
- I did cat rescue for several years and can still master a range of meows to entice many-a-cat from under a car/shed/pile of rubble.
- My greatest accomplishment is anytime a client is able to navigate a system successfully or get what they've asked for without my involvement based on their own mastered advocacy strategies.

Jacque Serrano

Serving SOCAC since June 2024



Representation: Organizations that advocate for families of youth

Why I am on the Council:

I joined the Council to advocate for the needs of underserved communities, particularly focusing on mental health and substance use issues that disproportionately affect BIPOC and queer families. My passion for creating equitable access to resources drives my commitment to this role. Being part of the Council allows me to collaborate with others who share a vision of systemic change and cultural competence, ensuring that diverse voices are represented in

policy discussions.

Greatest hope for the Council:

My greatest hope for the Council is to foster a more inclusive framework that prioritizes the voices of historically marginalized communities. I envision initiatives that lead to tangible improvements in service delivery and access, particularly in mental health and family support. By leveraging our collective expertise, we can develop strategies that not only address immediate needs but also promote long-term systemic change, ultimately empowering families to thrive in a supportive environment.

Background:

Jacque Serrano is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor (CADCI), currently serving as the Division Director for Prevention & Peer Delivered Services at Morrison Child and Family Services. In this role, she supports a range of early childhood programs and peer mentors, ensuring culturally responsive and peer-delivered services. Jacque has earned Master of Social Work at Portland State University and holds post-graduate certificates in Child-Parent Psychotherapy, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Foster and Adoptive Family Therapy. With over seven years of experience working in a coordinated care organization (CCO), she has held various roles, including wraparound mental health therapist, Behavioral Health Manager, and Mental Health Programs Administrator. Throughout her career, Jacque has focused on providing therapeutic services to high-risk children, adolescents, and their families, emphasizing the importance of family therapy in supporting youth. She is also deeply committed to advocating for the LGBTQ2S+ community, striving to improve access to competent and compassionate behavioral health services.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I love backpacking and am a certified Wilderness First Responder. The hardest backpacking trip I have ever done is the Enchantments in Eastern Washington.
- I grew up riding horses and showed for 6 years in 4-H. I still ride when visiting my family in California.
- I have a 5.5-year-old daughter who keeps me on my toes, and she shares my love for adventure.

Jassed Nunez-Pineda (I am gender fluid, so my pronouns change from time to time.)

Serving SOCAC since December 2023



Representation: Youth - intellectual/developmental disability or mental illness

Why I am on the council:

I am always excited to participate in anything that can make a difference. I am very passionate about improving the systems of care due to my prior involvement in certain systems.

Greatest hope for the council:

I know it is a bit cliché, but I just want to make a difference.

Background:

I am a youth peer support specialist. I am also involved with the YYEA committee, and with the Children's System Advisory Council (CSAC) from time to time.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I was born in Mexico.
- I love turtles.
- I have a dog named Coco.

Kati Moseley (she/her/hers)

Serving SOCAC since January 2025

Representation: Oregon Department of Education



Why I am on the Council:

Kati has worked at the Oregon Department of Education since March 2021, where she provides overall vision and leadership for improving belonging and wellness of students and staff in Oregon's K-12 education system. Kati loves spending her time at work dreaming the potential of how our society can be more equitable and then working to construct that reality. Membership on the System of Care Advisory Council offers opportunity to align this vision and work

with the efforts of other youth serving agencies in Oregon. Kati believes that when we work together, we can do more. Kati has a track record of creating equity-driven transformation in systems, including leading development and implementation of a [Memorandum of Understanding between ODE and OHA](#) signed in 2021. Before her role with ODE, she spent over 12 years at the Oregon Health Authority as a Health Promotion Strategist creating meaningful dialogue about how Oregon talks about the Social Determinants of Health and elevates voices of communities. The website that she led development of, [PlaceMattersOregon](#), is still fostering conversations about how place affects our health and inspiring collective actions that will make a healthy life available to all Oregonians. Kati is thriving when she is planning strategies or translating complex information into easy-to-understand expectations for members of the public, school districts, and leaders. Kati earned an MPH from Portland State University, spent two years serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Benin, West Africa, and is a graduate of Reed College.

Kyle Johnson (he/him/his)

Serving SOCAC since January 2023

Representation: Psychiatrist



Why I am on the Council:

For over 20 years, I have been a faculty member in the Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at OHSU. Since 2013, I have directed our consultation-liaison service responsible for assessing children and adolescents in psychiatric crisis presenting to our emergency department, pediatric floor, and pediatric intensive care unit. On a nearly daily basis, I face system of care challenges with patients and their families. I want to help develop a better system of care for youth and their families experiencing behavioral and mental health crises and challenges.

Greatest hope for the Council:

I hope our work will result in much improved communication between different levels of mental health care.

Background:

For over 20 years, I have been a faculty member in the Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at OHSU. Since 2013, I have directed our consultation-liaison service responsible for assessing children and adolescents in psychiatric crisis presenting to our emergency department, pediatric floor, and pediatric intensive care unit.

3 things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I am originally from Oklahoma.
- Enjoy kayaking.
- Once met Evel Knievel.

Judge Maurisa Gates

Serving SOCAC since December 2022

Representation: Judicial Department



Why I am on the Council:

I have worked on behalf of children for the majority of my almost 27-year career as a public defender when I was a lawyer. I saw how the lack of treatment resources in the communities where children reside and the barriers to treatment have impacted their lives, the lives of their families, and the lives of the community. Now as a judge, I continue to see the lack of options that I have when weighing what would best result in rehabilitation vs community safety. We as a country need to do better. I want to see Oregon do better and appreciate having a seat at the table to be a force for that to happen.

Greatest hope for the Council:

To have Oregon achieve a system of delivery of care that:

- Has facilities that are in the communities where patients reside that allow for acute, intensive, residential, and outpatient care.
- That has staff that is skilled, patient, culturally diverse (and is culturally aware) and appropriately compensated for the hard and important work that they do.
- That the appropriate level of care is available without delay for the person that is in need (not months of waiting or days/hours when in acute crisis).

Background:

I am a sitting judge in the Family Law Department of the Multnomah County Circuit Court. I was appointed in February of 2022, and began serving in March of 2022. I practiced law for almost 27 years before becoming a judge. My entire legal career as a lawyer was as a public defender. In that role, I represented both children and adults in need of legal assistance. I practiced criminal law and juvenile law (delinquency and dependency). I also represented adults whom the state was trying to involuntarily civilly commit to the Oregon State Hospital. While an attorney, I volunteered and served as a Pro Tem Judge for the Family Law Department's Judicial Settlement Conferences from 2020-2022. In addition, I have presented trainings for Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. I have also participated in mentoring programs for individuals interested in pursuing the law as a career.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- The late summer after graduating law school, I traveled around Europe for a month.
- I skydived once.
- The first time I did a trial, I did it representing the state as a Certified Law Student in the prosecutor's office.

Robin Henderson (she/her/hers)

Serving SOCAC since February 2020



Representation: Psychologist

Why I am on the Council:

I first began working in adolescent residential services more than 35 years ago—and sadly, services are more fractured and disconnected than they were then.

I want to leverage all aspects of the system—payers, providers, patients, peers, and families—to help create a system of early identification, intervention and care that supports children and their families where they are at and breaks the cycles of poverty and homelessness that our youth grow into through our failing system.

Greatest hope for the Council:

Create a system of services that is dynamic, responsive, and focused on recovery, support and giving hope to our youth and their families.

Background:

I'm a psychologist by training, and currently serve as the Chief Executive, Behavioral Health for Providence here in Oregon. Prior to this, I was with St Charles Health System in Bend for 15 years serving in similar capacities.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I'm married with two amazing children—Bobby, my 19-year-old son and budding young psychologist, and Billie, my 17-year-old transgender wanna be family practice doc.
- Billie lives with anorexia, depression, and anxiety, and has high expectations of a better system in their future.
- I love to cook and am especially adept at the #artofpie.

Sandra Santos (She/her/hers)

Serving SOCAC since March 2022



Representation: Oregon Youth Authority

Why I am on the Council:

I am the representative for Oregon Youth Authority on the council. I am the Assistant Director for Community Services with OYA. I have previous experience with Systems of Care and believe strongly that our child serving systems need to work together to improve access to services and meet the needs of our underserved populations.

Greatest hope for the Council:

That we would work together in a productive, forward moving manner to improve access to all child services. That youth who could more appropriately be served in a different system could get access to the services they need prior to being introduced into the Juvenile Justice system.

Background:

I am currently the Assistant Director for Community Services at the Oregon Youth Authority. I spent the last 15 + years at Washington County Juvenile Department. Prior to that I worked as a Clinical Social Worker providing individual and family therapy to Spanish speaking residents in Washington County. I have worked for not-for-profit social service agencies as well in my past, all of my career has been focused on working with youth and families in need of support and fighting for racial and social justice.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I was in the Peace Corps right out of undergrad and lived in Cape Verde, West Africa for over two years.
- I have two very large Olde English Bulldogs.
- I am an avid outdoors person and love hiking, biking, paddle boarding, walking etc.

Sonya Littledeer-Evans (she/her/hers)

Serving SOCAC since September 2022



Representation: County juvenile department director

Cultural Identity:

Indigenous (Raramurí, Osage, Cherokee), Irish

Why I am on the Council:

I am on the council because I hope to add voice, experience and a decolonized insight that can help to:

- Name and shine light on the structural inequities, so often hidden in plain sight.
- Interrupt the words, behaviors and decision-making that protect and keep these structural inequities in place.
- Create and/or rebuild community care that centers children, youth and families regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, disability, class, sexual orientation or beliefs.

Greatest hope for the Council:

Collective liberation

Background:

Drawing from her own experiences of poverty, discrimination, trauma, multicultural heritage and of going through the juvenile justice system, Mrs. Littledeer-Evans has been a motivational speaker, trainer, facilitator, classroom instructor and leader in her community for over 24 years.

She is currently the Deputy Director for Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice. Having worked in Oregon's juvenile justice field 22, serving in roles such as detention worker, probation officer, supervisor, and administrator, she brings a wealth of knowledge of best practices, reform strategies and lived experience to the work. Mrs. Littledeer-Evans has led implementation of local and regional cutting-edge practices to improve outcomes for all involved, dismantle structural oppression and decrease disparate treatment in our systems and practices.

Mrs. Littledeer-Evans earned her BA Degree at the University of Oregon in Political Science with a Minor in Spanish and earned her Masters of Public Administration Degree through PSU in 2008.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- Was a referee for USA Amateur boxing,
- Competed in Arm Wrestling

- Owner and parent to two beautiful American Bulldogs – Clyde and Michá.

Zephyr Micheal Berry (he/they)

Serving SOCAC since March 2025



Representation: Youth involvement in the child welfare or juvenile justice system

Why I am on the Council:

The support and persuasion of my Youth Council counterparts.

Greatest hope for the Council:

To see the youth of Oregon be set for a better future than I was.

Background:

Unfortunately, I have dealt with many unfortunate circumstances throughout my youth from abuse, homelessness, mental health issues of myself and those around me to name a few. When I was an older teen, I was kicked out, and through the program that helped me secure housing I was introduced into the world of advocacy and policy. I started as a lobbyist, then I worked with Youth Collaboratory, and then I was recruited to join the youth council as a founding member. After being on the youth council for the last two years, I was made aware of the open youth seat. After some chiding and nudges and self-doubt, I finally applied for the seat. The rest is history.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- A large portion of my income comes from crocheting! Creatures, animals, flowers, you name it.
- My childhood dream, after ebbing and flowing, was to become a professional, full-time writer. I now work hard to become a professional, full-time voice actor for video games, cartoons, and movies!
- I am TERRIFIED of heights and water. Even going over a mild foot bridge to get over a creek can become mildly debilitating for me.

David Rettew (he/they)

Serving SOCAC since December 2025

Representation: County mental health director

SOCAC STAFF



Team photo (from left to Right: Corinna Hazard, Cody Welty, Christy Hudson, Anna Williams, Joyleen Carter)

Anna Williams (she/her)

Role: Executive Director

Greatest hope for the Council:

My greatest hope for the Council is that we become a meaningful place for youth, families, providers, and state agencies to solve difficult problems together. My vision is that we identify strategies to move beyond crisis response and into system transformation as we work our way through 2023.

Background:

Born and raised in Wyoming, I have always looked at the world through a 'small town' lens. Growing up with a racially and religiously diverse family, I have always felt compelled to side with the under-dog when given the opportunity.

I attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Masters Degree in Social Welfare Administration. I then moved to Montana where I worked in residential treatment for youth and environmental politics. Life led me to Oregon, where I have lived with my spouse and children for the past 14 years. Prior to taking this role, I worked as an elected official, including serving as Chair of Oregon's Human Services Committee in the House of

Representatives, as well as serving on my regional Area Agency on Aging board and working as an advocate for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. I get excited about the connection between policy and practice and ensuring that everyone who lives in Oregon has the resources they need to thrive.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I have a three-legged dog who I am incredibly fond of.
- I love dystopian futuristic fiction and spend too much time reading it.
- I have visited Yellowstone Park every year of my life.

Christy Hudson (she/her/hers)

Role: System of Care Transformation Manager

Greatest hope for the Council:

Equitable systems change for children, youth and families.

Background:

A public servant for my entire career, I started state service with Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division in 2009. Prior to my tenure at OHA, I worked in a variety of non-profit and educational settings, including reproductive health, refugee resettlement, K-12 and after school programs, HIV prevention, and residential treatment. I have a Masters in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis and a bachelors in Health Education from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota (go Cobbers!).

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I lived in Namibia for 2 years.
- I'm allergic to saffron.
- I got a dimple in my right cheek when I ran into a cupboard as a child.

Joyleen Carter (she/her)

Role: SOCAC Youth and Family Engagement Strategist

Greatest hope for the Council:

My greatest hope for SOCAC is that we can be a space where humans of diverse professional and lived expertise can radically change the way Oregonians care for each other. My vision for SOCAC is that we lead the charge in transforming Oregon's child- serving systems by setting new standards

of care (guided by the expertise of youth and family members who use the systems) so that all Oregonians can access the appropriate services they need to be healthy.

Background:

I'm a black, Zimbabwean-American immigrant woman whose top value is community! I have a strong passion for helping communities heal and thrive through community-centered systems change. I fundamentally believe that communities (and specifically people with lived expertise) have the knowledge, wisdom, and sovereignty to take care of their own community members best! This philosophy is at the core of my community engagement strategies, and has formed the basis of all administrative, coordination, policy, and programming work I've done throughout my career. When we empower people with lived expertise navigating systems to tell us what they need, the services we provide in response are much more likely to be successful!

I have a master's degree in public health with a focus on social, structural and systemic determinants of health. Having this educational background gave me the tools to better understand my own lived experiences, and also gave me the language I needed to talk about these things with my community, legislators, researchers, and everyday Americans. Throughout my career so far, I've gravitated toward roles where I can be a liaison between community members and those working within systems. In the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic I was a first responder calling Oregonians who were sick to explain how to keep themselves and their families as safe as possible. After that I helped create a statewide Vaccine Navigation program, to help Oregonians who were aging with disabilities navigate systemic barriers to getting a vaccine if they wanted one! I've helped bring policy and advocacy education to community-based organizations across the state and helped open drop-in centers for previously incarcerated Oregonians in recovery from addiction. My job with SOCAC is to help change the system(s) by making sure that youth and family representatives with lived expertise are in the room, truly heard, and respected!

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I'm recently married (July 2023)
- I love exploring nature with my two sweet dogs.
- I feel most free while dancing or gardening!

Corinna Hazard (she/her)

Role: Administrative Specialist

Greatest hope for the Council:

In my role supporting administrative and operations work, I am here to support our Council and subcommittee members, helping to build a foundation that fosters collaboration and effective resource sharing. My hope for the Council is that we can create a more inclusive and accessible system of care for Oregon's children, youth, and families by supporting collaborative partnerships and sharing

community-informed insights.

Background:

With a background in administrative support and public service, I've had the opportunity to work with multiple teams at the Oregon Health Authority and Texas Health and Human Services. My experience includes community engagement and project management, where I've contributed to projects focused on expanding access to essential services and amplifying community voices. This work aligns with SOCAC's commitment to creating a more inclusive and responsive system of care, and I'm excited to bring these experiences to support the Council's mission of making meaningful, community-centered impact.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I'm a dog mom to Trip, my rescue boxer mix, who keeps life entertaining.
 - I love getting my hands dirty in the garden—there's nothing better than seeing something grow!
 - Coming from Austin, Texas (where we also say "Keep Austin Weird"), I enjoy spending time with family, friends, and good food—preferably with some great music playing in the background!
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Cody Welty (he/him)

Role: Research Analyst in the Behavioral Health Division of Oregon Health Authority assigned to the System of Care Advisory Council

Greatest hope for the Council:

That the council is able to transform Oregon into a best-practice example of a System of Care that works for youth and their families.

Background:

After involvement in the behavioral health system as a youth, I began a path of advocacy for youth mental health. I spent nearly 10 years delivering mental health awareness and suicide prevention talks and resources to youth and families in Oregon. During this time, I earned my BS in Psychology (2018) from Western Oregon University, and my MSPH (2021) and PhD (2024) in Health Behavior Health Promotion from the University of Arizona. I now serve as a Research Analyst in the Behavioral Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority, providing data science and expertise to SOCAC.

Three things that are fun or interesting about me:

- I'm a cat dad to a black cat named Hobbs who loves to make guest appearances on calls.
- I run the Hood to Coast relay every year with my extended family.

- I'm a long-suffering Seattle Mariners fan and I watch or follow every game of the season.