

 RJ Learning Collective (2026 Cohort)

DYANNA WINCHESTER (she/her/them)

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**Women's Justice Institute
Reclamation Specialist**



Learn more: www.womensjusticeinstitute.org

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Dyanna Winchester has dedicated her life to advocating for healing and justice for women who have experienced trauma and injustice. As a mother of two young men, Dyanna's life was tragically marked by the loss of one of her sons to gun violence, a heartbreaking event that has fueled her deep commitment to creating spaces for healing and transformation.

Dyanna finds strength and purpose in her faith, which guides her work and personal life. She is a dedicated advocate for self-care, finding joy and balance in exercise, spending time with her dogs, and helping others overcome their challenges. With a heart full of empathy and resilience, Dyanna continues to uplift those around her, transforming pain into power through her work and her life's example.

The Women's Justice Institute is a dynamic national "think and do" tank that consults and collaborates across sectors to build innovative and transformative solutions to women's mass incarceration. Their work is anchored by the leadership of system-impacted women and advanced by broad and deep partnerships with diverse justice system stakeholders.





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ERICA LEE (she/her)

**Colorado Coalition of Restorative
Justice Practices
Board Co-Chair**



Learn more at: www.ccrjp.org



Erica Lee is an aspiring "cultural auntie" interested in lifeways that value freedom, democracy, and reparations. Erica has served as recovery coach, mindfulness teacher, holistic health educator, restorative justice practitioner and community organizer.

Erica's dream is to develop a universal preventative healthcare model that integrates public safety, agriculture, housing and finance into public-private partnerships with an emphasis on cooperative community development. Today, her work revolves around institutional accountability and social justice capacity building through restorative justice.

As CCRJP co-chair, she is providing support in the organization's rebuilding, as well as creating opportunities with the board for CCRP to be led by stakeholders most impacted by injustice.

CCRJP's purpose is to connect, inspire, nourish and listen to restorative justice practitioners across the state of Colorado so that they are supported in their advancement of restorative practices.





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RISA LANIER (she/her)

Lawndale Christian Legal Center
Vice President of Operations and Policy



Learn more at: www.lclc.net



Risa Lanier is a native of the South Side of Chicago, and a 25 year veteran criminal lawyer and litigator. She worked for nearly 25 years as a prosecutor at the Cook County State's Attorney's office, where she handled a variety of criminal cases, including high-profile matters, and spent 10 years in senior and executive leadership positions, including second in command to Kimberly Foxx.

She has transitioned to LCLC, where she oversees operations for criminal holistic defense, Deer Housing (an alternative to incarceration), Restorative Justice, and Diversion programs. She also oversees policy and advocacy efforts with the ultimate goal of reforming the State of Illinois Criminal Code as it applies to emerging adults, ages 18-25.

LCLC's mission is to provide legal services grounded in restorative justice for juveniles and emerging adults, ages 25 and younger.





ERNEST WILSON (he/him)

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Lawndale Christian Legal Center
Managing Director of Restorative Justice

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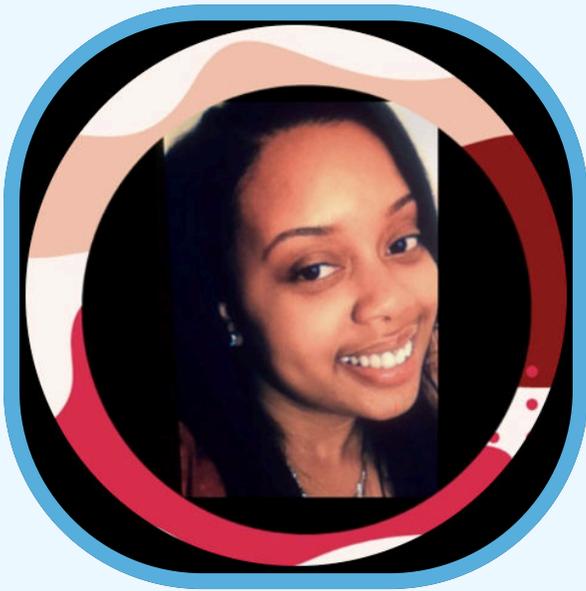
Ernest Wilson leads the expansion of restorative practices, Circle Keeper development, and community-centered justice initiatives at Lawndale Christian Legal Center. With a background in workforce development, operations, and community engagement, he brings a unique blend of structure, compassion, and lived experience to his work. Ernest is passionate about creating spaces where young people, families, and system-impacted individuals can heal, be heard, and reclaim their lives.

He believes restorative justice is not just a practice, but a way of life that restores dignity, strengthens communities, and redefines accountability. As a cohort member, he hopes to build meaningful relationships, exchange practical wisdom, and learn innovative approaches to restorative work from peers across the country. He values collaboration and believes people can grow when given support, truth, and opportunity.

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TAMETRIUS FILES (she/her/hers)
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**Teamwork Englewood
Public Safety Manager**



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Tametrious Files leads efforts to promote safety and healing within the community at Team Englewood through the #TIME2136 Public Safety Initiative. She began her journey with the initiative as a Public Safety Ambassador and now plays a key role in coordinating its programs and outreach.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in African American Studies and brings a deep-rooted passion for community work. As a lifelong resident of Englewood, Tametrius is deeply committed to serving the neighborhood she grew up in and still calls home. Her work is grounded in the belief that creating safe, empowered, and unapologetically Black spaces is essential to true community transformation.

Teamwork Englewood's mission is to improve the quality of life of the residents and stakeholders of Englewood by facilitating economic, educational and social opportunities.





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STEVEN JOHNSON (he/him)

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Teamwork Englewood
Community Outreach Specialist

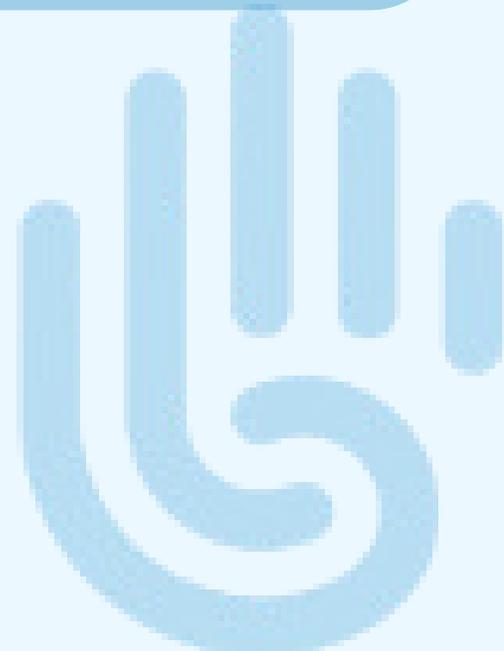


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Steven Johnson is a community service and advocacy strategist with a proven track record of success and increasing responsibility. He has experience with teaching, group facilitation, social marketing, web and social media, public relations, event management, and youth development.

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M NELSEN (no or gender neutral pronouns)

Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness
Manager of City Policy



Learn more at: www.chicagohomeless.org/



M Nelsen is passionate about intersectional justice and have sought experiences to learn how M can be effective in this goal. M's experiences have taught M that homelessness is one of the worst symptoms of racism and intersectional oppression. Effective policy intervention to prevent homelessness would intervene on said oppressions. M has learned that Transformative Justice is a value, ideal, and set of practices that can guide us in this work. M also knows the importance of understanding privilege and biases as a white person, and the necessity of having practices to counter them.

Currently it is M's honor, and joy, to facilitate the Homeless Youth Committee. M has been using an emergent process in the last year to partner with and support leadership of young people with homeless experiences, because they know best what is needed to end this harm and because they are our future.

CCH builds community power and advances racial equity through organizing, advocacy, legal assistance, and education to prevent and end homelessness because housing is a human right.





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EVIE ARLETT (she/her)
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Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness
CCH Grassroots Leader

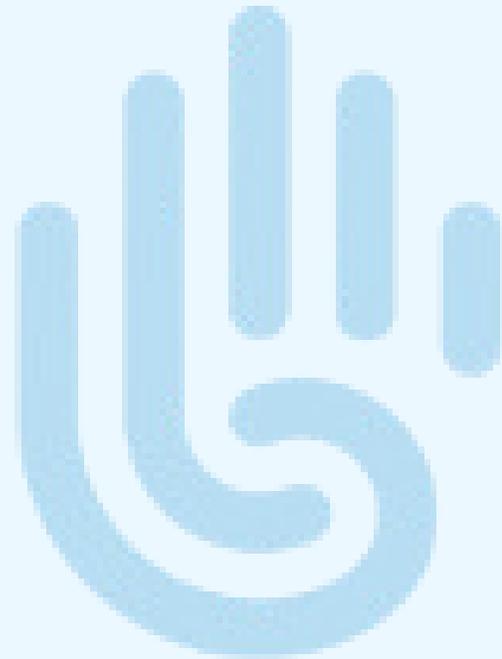


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Evie Arlett is a Data Analyst and Researcher as well as grassroots leader and board member for CCH. She loves reading, learning, and volunteering.

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COSETTE NAZON-WILBURN (she/her)

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Love, Unity & Values Institute
Executive Director



Learn more at: www.luvinstitute.org/youth-empowerment-about-us/our-mission/



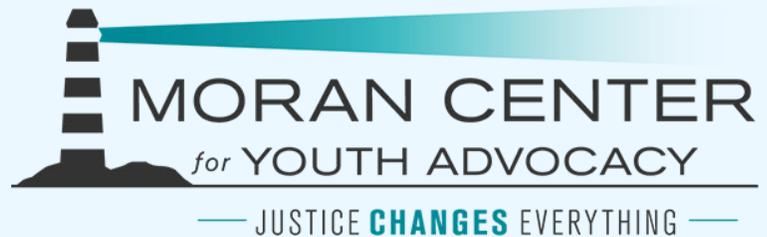
Cosette Nazon-Wilburn grew up on the South Side of Chicago, near the neighborhoods they serve. She founded the Love, Unity & Values(LUV) Institute in 2012 to eradicate youth poverty.

Before Cosette began LUV Institute, she was inspired by the book *The Zeronauts* by John Elkington. Elkington believes that we can attain equilibrium in society by investing as much as has been taken away. She made a connection to the vast social and economic deficits suffered by underserved youth and wondered if that could be balanced out by offering them social/emotional and practical skills.

With the help of teachers, social workers and psychologists, they established programs that give youth what they need to become self-sustaining, zeroing out the continued probability of poverty among these young people. All of LUV's programs include restorative justice practice, training, and implementation to help young people heal from trauma.

LUV Institute's Mission is to apply a restorative and social-emotional approach to college and career readiness for young people who have experienced trauma.



**RJ Learning Collective (2026 Cohort)**.....**PATRICK KENNAN-DEVLIN** (he/him)
.....**James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
Executive Director**Learn more at: www.moran-center.org/

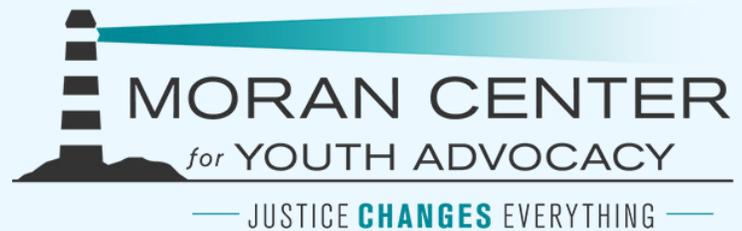
Patrick Kennan-Devlin represents young people in juvenile court while leading an organization committed to integrating legal advocacy, social work, and restorative practice. His path includes work in public policy, community organizing, and statewide advocacy, experiences that shaped how he understands systems, power, and the possibilities for change. As a white, cisgender man, he's spent years engaged in racial identity and accountability work, including founding a citywide White Affinity Group to deepen antiracist practice among nonprofit colleagues. What he wants this cohort to know is that "I'm here as both a learner and a practitioner in progress. I hope to contribute honesty, curiosity, and a commitment to transforming institutions from the inside out."

The James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy provides community-based legal, social work, and restorative services for youth and families.

Their approach is holistic, healing-centered, client-driven.

Their work advances the vision of a more just, racially equitable, and restorative society at the local, regional, and state level.



 **RJ Learning Collective (2026 Cohort)****PAM CYTRYNBAUM** (she/her)
.....**James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy**
Restorative Justice ManagerLearn more at: www.moran-center.org/

Pam Cytrynbaum is a mother and a caregiver for her own mom. She walks with the Great Ache of mourning the death of her beloved brother, Josh. She spent more than 15 years as an investigative reporter exposing wrongful convictions; was Executive Director of the Chicago Innocence Center; and wrote for Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, New York Times, Washington Post. She taught journalism at Northwestern University, where she's also an alumna. She started in restorative justice work in public schools more than a decade ago, followed by the humbling privilege of building the RJ Department for the Moran Center over seven years ago.

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DIANA QUEEN (she/her)

**Kentucky Center For Restorative Justice
President**



Learn more at: www.kcrj.org



Diana Queen is the founder of the Kentucky Center for Restorative Justice (KCRJ). Her work sits at the intersection of schools, courts, and community life, supporting people and systems in shifting toward more relational, healing-centered responses to harm. Grounded in community organizing and education, she approaches the work through relationships, shared power, and inclusion.

Over the past several years, she has partnered with districts and youth-serving organizations across Kentucky to build restorative frameworks that center voice, accountability, and belonging. More recently, she has focused on developing Restorative Hubs, spaces where schools, families, and neighborhoods can practice restorative justice beyond institutional settings. Her work is rooted in people, not programs, and she is energized by learning alongside others who share that commitment.

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NICOLE MURONE (she/her)

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**Kentucky Center For Restorative Justice
Facilitator**



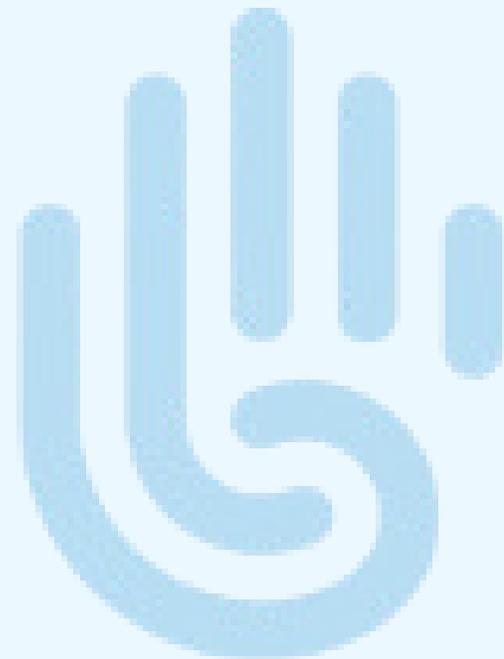
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Nicole Murone is a social worker who enjoys helping others.

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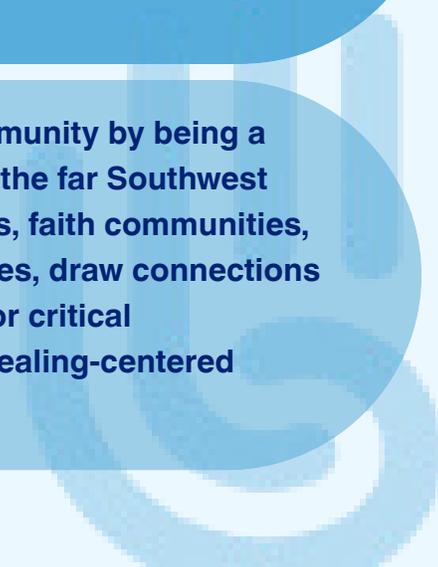
**RJ Learning Collective (2026 Cohort)****JENNIE ENGLISH-DUMONT** (she/her)
.....**Peace Center at Bethlehem**
Pastor/Director

Learn more at: www.bethlehem-chicago.org/peace-center

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Jennie English-Dumont is a Lutheran pastor (ELCA) and has served Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Beverly since 2008. During her time there, the congregation has discerned a call to be part of the healing of the community through restorative justice and restorative practices. She is trained in circle keeping, leads the Peace Club at the local elementary school, and is active in interfaith dialogues. She is continually strengthening her leadership skills to move the work of The Peace Center forward. While she has been a pastor at Bethlehem for 17 years, her role as part-time director of The Peace Center is new with the shift from The Peace Center being a congregational committee to having a community board. She's excited to learn and looks forward to building connections.

The Peace Center at Bethlehem strengthens the fabric of community by being a resource, hub, and catalyst for restorative peace practices on the far Southwest Side of Chicago. The Peace Center partners with local schools, faith communities, and civic organizations to build capacity in restorative practices, draw connections between diverse groups of people, and provide brave space for critical conversations and conflict transformation. They do this as a healing-centered community, committed to equity and inclusion.





TOM HOGAN (he/him)

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Peace Center at Bethlehem
Chair of Board

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Tom Hogan has been working in the field for 13+ years mostly teaching people between the ages of 12-16 about restorative justice and how to utilize its concepts to avoid situations where violence might occur.

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CHICAGO AREA PROJECT

MANUEL GAMBOA (he/him)

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Chicago Area Project
Gage Park Community Leader/Educator

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Manuel Gamboa is a motivated and dependable DePaul University student based in the Chicago area, building a strong foundation in advertising and design. He is developing hands-on skills in Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator, with a focus on visual storytelling and strategic messaging.

He has contributed to Chicago-focused projects and campaigns that prioritize real communities, audiences, and local impact, strengthening his understanding of purpose-driven marketing. Manuel balances school, work, and family responsibilities with strong time management, accountability, and problem-solving skills. He hopes to join a marketing agency where he can grow professionally, contribute creative ideas, and support meaningful, socially driven campaigns.

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CHICAGO AREA PROJECT

CHYANNE JOENS

(she/her)

Chicago Area Project
Community Liason

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Chyanne Joens is deeply committed to her community and is always looking for new ways to show up, contribute, and help build stronger, more connected communities.

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