

SHARED PARENTING PANEL SHORT BIOS

Katie Cannizzaro

Katie Cannizzaro is a Child Welfare Services Supervisor for Foster Care, In-Home, and Foster Home Licensing for Chatham County Department of Social Services. Katie graduated from Methodist University in Fayetteville, North Carolina with a bachelor's in social work, interning with Cumberland County DSS in assessments. Shortly after graduation, Katie worked as a Foster Care Social Worker for Randolph County DSS continuing her career at Chatham County DSS as a Foster Home Licensing and Placement Social Worker. In 2019, Katie was promoted to a Child Welfare Social Worker over Foster Home Licensing and CPS Intake. In 2023, Katie then began supervising Foster Home Licensing, Foster Care, and In-Home. Katie is a facilitator for TIPS-MAPP, Deciding Together, Caring for Our Own, and Darkness to Light, Stewards for Children.

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Julianne Ludlam, Ph.D.

Julianne is a psychologist and the Training Director at KKJ Forensic & Psychological Services in Durham, North Carolina. She primarily conducts psychological evaluations – both forensic-related and diagnostic – for adults, youth, and families. Her background is in trauma, and all her assessments are trauma informed. Julianne earned her Master's in Early Childhood Risk and Prevention from Harvard University and her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Alliant University. Prior to teaching in the undergraduate psychology program at the University of Missouri, she trained at California Pacific Medical Center's outpatient mental health clinic, San Francisco County Jail's psychiatric services unit, and a community mental health center in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood.

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Angela Stalker, BSW

Angela Stalker is the Program Manager for Foster Care, In-Home, and Licensing in Chatham County. Angela graduated from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) with a degree in social work. After working with youth in other capacities, she worked in Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services as a direct line foster care social worker for several years. She then continued her career at Chatham County Department of Social Services as a direct line foster care and in-home social worker, moving to a supervisor position for foster care and in-home services, and finally to her current role in 2022 as Program Manager for permanency planning. Prior Angela's child welfare work, she worked in maximum security prisons with youth and adults, day treatment facilities and a PRTF placement facility for youth.

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Angenette Stephenson, JD, MSW

Angie has over 15 years of experience as an attorney in the field of child welfare. Before entering private practice, she served as a child welfare attorney for ten years in the North Carolina Attorney General's Office. Before practicing law, Angie had several years of experience as a foster care social worker in North Carolina and Hawaii. She draws on extensive past experience as a foster care social worker and Assistant Attorney General to help her clients successfully navigate the system. She finds joy in giving each client personal service. Angie's commitment to the field of child welfare continues to be her primary focus and is further enhanced by her recognition as a Board-Certified Specialist in Child Welfare Law.

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Regina Thomas, JD

For the past seventeen years, Regina has represented parents in abuse/neglect/dependency and termination of parental rights cases in Chatham and Orange County. She has an undergraduate degree in psychology from Smith College, and a law degree from Columbia Law School. Regina practiced corporate law in New York City for five years before moving to the San Francisco Bay Area. There, she headed non-profit agencies that served the victims of domestic violence or the homeless.

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