



## AGENDA

### 2018 State Children's Cabinet Network Roundtable Annapolis, MD | August 2-3

#### 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Lunch with NGA Learning Lab attendees *Loews Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street, Annapolis*

- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Check-in
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Stakeholder Engagement: Lessons Learned from the Children's Cabinet Network  
*Perspectives from the courts, youth, parents, and beyond.*  
*Jackie Counts, Kansas Children's Cabinet*  
*Darius Craig, Maryland Youth Advisory Council*  
*Julie Whitman, Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana*

#### 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. | Roundtable opening and presentations *Loews Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street, Annapolis*

- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m. Welcome and introductions  
*Reflections on the year's network activities and offerings, and updates on the Interagency Work Group on Youth Programs and the network of local children's cabinets.*
- 1:45 – 3:00 p.m. State overview sessions  
*Participants from our longer-standing cabinets will share a 7-minute overview of activities in their state's children's cabinet(s) over the last year.*
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

- 3:15- 3:45 p.m.** Questions from newer cabinets  
*Participants from our more recently established cabinets will pose questions to peers from longer-standing cabinets.*
- 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.** Panel: Using Medicaid and managed care to support social determinants of health  
*Chad Hibbs, Ohio Family and Children First Council*  
*Donna Cohen Ross, Center for the Study of Social Policy*  
*Amy Swanson, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio*  
*Sandra Wilkniss (facilitating), National Governors Association*

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Working Dinner: Realizing the Power of a Children's Cabinet**  
***Harry Browne's restaurant – 66 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401***

## **Friday August 3, 2018**

**8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Full day meeting**  
***MD Dept. of Budget & Management Room 240 A, 45 Calvert St.***

- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast served
- 8:00 – 8:15 a.m.** Good morning, agenda, introductions
- 8:15 – 9:00 a.m.** Sustainability through political transition  
*How can Children's Cabinets sustain momentum through election cycles and changes in leadership?*  
*Gena Boyle Berger, Virginia Children's Cabinet*
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.** Update on the Children's Funding Project  
*Latest tools and developments, fiscal mapping, discussion of how Children's Cabinets are using these tools*
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.** Break

- 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.** State to local collaboration  
*Presentation of two models of state to local collaborative structures, and discussion of vertical alignment*  
*Chad Hibbs, Ohio Family and Children First Council*  
*Dana Hunter, Louisiana Children's Cabinet*  
*Kim Malat, Maryland Governor's Office for Children, Children's Cabinet Implementation Team*
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** Federal developments that impact children's cabinets  
*Family First, Child Care Development Block Grant*  
*Tiffany Nicole Day, Ascend at the Aspen Institute*  
*John Sciamanna, Child Welfare League of America*
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Lunch  
*Remarks*  
*Leslie Boissiere, Annie E. Casey Foundation*
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.** Race Matters: Strategies to Embed Racial Equity into Your Everyday Work  
*Dr. Joanna Scott, Race Matters Institute of JustPartners, Inc.*
- 2:00 – 2:15 p.m.** Break, refreshments
- 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.** Future of the children's cabinet network  
*Leveraging last night's dinner conversation – how can children's cabinets gain power and legitimacy? What collective action can this network take? What do you need from this network?*
- 3:00 p.m.** Adjourn

## PRESENTERS & PANELISTS



**Gena Boyle Berger, MPA Virginia Children's Cabinet & Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Virginia Governor's Office**

Prior to her appointment as Deputy Secretary of HHS, Gena Boyle Berger served as Assistant Director for Board Relations at United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). In that role, she advises the Board of Directors on national organ allocation policies and served as the lead liaison for major revisions to the national kidney allocation system. Before joining UNOS, she served as a health and environmental policy advisor to Governor Tim Kaine from 2006 to 2010, and the state domestic violence policy manager for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance from 2010 to 2012. Originally from Kentucky, Gena graduated with a Bachelor's degree in government from

Morehead State University and a Master's degree in public administration from Virginia Polytechnic University.



**Jackie Counts, MSW, Ph.D. Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund & Director, Center for Public Partnerships and Research**

Jacqueline Counts, M.S.W., received her Ph.D. from the School of Social Welfare at the University of Kansas. She is now the director of the Center for Public Partnerships & Research. Before returning to the University of Kansas, she was the Region VII Project Officer for the Early Childhood Health and Development Branch of the Maternal Child Health Bureau of Health Resources and Services Administration. Jacqueline has been the principal investigator on numerous early childhood, systems-building, accountability and evaluation projects, including the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems evaluation, Project LAUNCH, several National Governors Association early childhood

grants, and others. She was one of the developers of the Protective Factors Survey and Lemonade for Life.



**Darius Craig Chair, Maryland Youth Advisory Council**

Darius Craig is the Baltimore representative and Chair of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council. Born and raised in East Baltimore, Darius decided to dedicate his life to public service; with the determination to fight injustice and intolerance. In 2015, he graduated from Digital Harbor High School. He's currently a junior Government & Politics at THE University of Maryland-College Park (Go Terps).

While a senior in high school, Darius organized an anti-violence march of approximately 250 people, one day after the 2015 riots. In college, as a Senator in the Residence Hall Association, Darius wrote and passed a resolution urging the Department of Resident Life to place security cameras in

the residence hall's lobbies. Today, thefts from UMD residence halls have been cut in half. Currently, Darius is working to bring awareness to youth mental health and substance abuse. Darius is very passionate about Baltimore City, and is determined to work towards a positive change in the city. His long-term goal is to become Mayor of Baltimore City.



**Tiffany Nicole Day Systems Change and Policy Analyst, Ascend at the Aspen Institute**

Tiffany Day is the Systems Change & Policy Analyst at Ascend at the Aspen Institute. The Aspen Institute's mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. Ascend is a policy program of the Institute and a hub for breakthrough ideas and collaborations that move children and their parents toward educational success and economic security. In this role, Tiffany partners with key states and agencies to further develop and advance a systems change and policy agenda that promotes equitable opportunities for children and families. In addition, Tiffany provides technical assistance to diverse groups of leaders

and policymakers and to identify and share best and emerging practices within the 2Gen field. Prior to joining Ascend, Tiffany served for seven years in state government as Tennessee's 2Gen consultant and was involved in various departmental and statewide collaboratives, including but not limited to program development and implementation, organizational change and capacity building efforts, and research/planning around poverty reduction and anti-human sex trafficking. Tiffany holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Political Science from the University of Memphis.



**Chad Hibbs, MOD Director, Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council**

Chad Hibbs, MOD, is the current State Director of Ohio Family and Children First which serves as the Governor's Children's Cabinet. Prior to be appointed director, Mr. Hibbs previously served as Regional Coordinator with Ohio Family and Children First. Mr. Hibbs previously served as director for the Guernsey County Family and Children First Council for 10 years and Coshocton County Family and Children First Council for 3 years. Mr. Hibbs obtained a Masters of Organization Development at Bowling Green State University. He completed his undergraduate studies also at Bowling Green State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interpersonal Communications

with a Minor in Marketing. Mr. Hibbs is a proud husband and father.



**Dana Hunter, MSW, Ph.D. Executive Director, Louisiana Children's Cabinet**

Dr. Dana R. Hunter is a native of Baton Rouge, LA. She holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Microbiology from Southern University and both a Master's of Social Work and Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Social Work from Louisiana State University. Dr. Hunter began her professional career as a child welfare specialist at DCFS in June 2005. Since obtaining her Doctorate degree from LSU in December 2013, Dr. Hunter has served as a senior level researcher in the Office of Social Science Research and Development at Louisiana State University and as the Executive Director of the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund. In February 2017, Dr. Dana R. Hunter was appointed by

Governor John Bel Edwards to serve as the Executive Director of Louisiana's Children's Cabinet. She is the state team lead for the Governor and First Lady's No Kid Hungry Louisiana Initiative and leads the state's human trafficking efforts.



**Kim Malat Chair, Maryland Children's Cabinet Implementation Team & Deputy Director, Maryland Governor's Office for Children**

Kim Malat is currently the Deputy Director at the Maryland Governor's Office for Children, a clearinghouse for research on policy, best practices, and evidence-based programs. The Office promotes Results-Based Accountability and data-driven decision making with Maryland's Local Management Boards and partner agencies. Ms. Malat is chair of the Children's Cabinet Implementation Team, a subcommittee of the Children's Cabinet that develops and oversees an implementation plan to address the Children's Cabinet's strategic goals and provides oversight of an interagency approach to services for youth with the most intensive needs that are provided in the

least-restrictive environment. Employed by the State of Maryland for more than 25 years, her professional experience in child welfare and human services includes various direct service, supervisory and senior staff positions at several agencies.



**Donna Cohen Ross Vice President, Center for the Study of Social Policy**

Donna Cohen Ross leads CSSP's work on Young Children and their Families, which promotes the development and spread of effective, comprehensive local early childhood systems. Prior to joining CSSP, Donna was a Principal at Health Management Associates, and from 2010 to 2015, Donna served as a Senior Policy Advisor and the Director of Enrollment Initiatives in the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There she directed the first-ever federal campaign to enroll children and parents in Medicaid and CHIP. Prior to her federal service, Donna directed the outreach division at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, where she

ran the widely acclaimed national Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign. Her early work in New Jersey included anti-hunger advocacy at the Association for Children of N.J., the Community Food Bank of N.J. and the Newark Preschool Council, the state's largest Head Start grantee.



**John Sciamanna Vice President of Public Policy, Child Welfare League of America**

John Sciamanna, Vice President of Public Policy for the Child Welfare League of America, began working for CWLA in 2001. In his role, he oversees federal legislative policy as it affects child welfare and children's programs. This includes federal legislative and administrative action as well as the annual federal budget. As the leader of CWLA's Public Policy Department he also assures that CWLA continues its longtime partnership and coalitions including such vital advocacy efforts as the National Child Care Coalition, the Home Visiting Coalition and the Coalition on Human Needs. For a brief period between 2010 through 2014 he worked for the American Humane

Association, led the National Foster Care Coalition and served as Executive Director of the National Child Abuse Coalition. Mr. Sciamanna has worked on children's issues for more than thirty years working for a state legislature, the U.S. Senate and several non-profit organizations.



**Amy N. Swanson, MPA Vice President, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio**

Amy Nicholls Swanson is Vice President of Marketing, Advocacy and Member Experience at UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio. Amy oversees all of our foster and adoptive children initiatives and member engagement and advocacy strategies, and recently led the efforts to secure new business in serving the Ohio Bridges Program and received the “Striving for Excellence Award” from the Faith Thomas Foundation in Columbus, Ohio. Amy has a background in government and community relations and joined us after serving for 10 years as CEO of Voices for Ohio's Children. Amy holds a bachelor of arts in Political Science from the University of Akron with a

certificate of Applied Politics from the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, and a master's in public administration, also from the University of Akron.



**Julie Whitman Executive Director, Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana**

As Executive Director of the Children’s Commission, Julie coordinates with leaders from all three branches of state government as well as hundreds of stakeholders from across the state to study issues affecting vulnerable youth and make recommendations for policies and practices that will improve child outcomes in Indiana. Julie previously oversaw programs in professional learning; nonprofit management consulting; information and data; and college and career counseling at the Indiana Youth Institute. Julie also has experience in criminal justice research, training, and programming, with a focus on adolescents and trauma. Julie is fluent in Spanish and holds a Master

of Social Work degree from Boston College and a Bachelor’s degree from Harvard University.



**Sandra Wilkniss, Ph.D. Program Director, National Governor’s Association**

Sandra Wilkniss serves as a program director for the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices’ Health Division. Dr. Wilkniss’ work focuses on policies in behavioral health and social determinants of health and the innovative integration of these into health system transformation efforts. She also leads the NGA Center’s technical assistance work with states advancing programs for high-need, high-cost populations.

Prior to joining NGA, Dr. Wilkniss served as senior legislative assistant for health care to U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman (NM) and Martin Heinrich (NM), and was the director of Thresholds Institute at Thresholds Psychiatric

Rehabilitation Centers. She also held an adjunct assistant professorship at Dartmouth Medical School and assistant clinical professorship and chief psychologist of the inpatient psychiatry unit at the University of Illinois. Dr. Wilkniss holds a Ph.D in clinical psychology from the University of Virginia.