

## **Presenter Bios**

**Tarassa Froberg:** Tarassa Froberg, MSW, is the current Dependency Training Specialist for the Administrative Office of the Court's (AOC's) Family & Youth Justice Programs (FYJP). She has extensive experience working in child welfare. She worked at the Department of Children Youth and Families for 27 years prior to working at AOC. This included 19 years at a local office working directly with families and as a supervisor. She has worked as the statewide program manager for Child and Family Welfare Services, Family Voluntary Services, CPS-Investigation and CPS-FAR. In addition, she has managed the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the Children's Justice Act Grant, facilitated Citizen Review Panels, written federal reports, analyzed legislation, managed program improvement plans, trained system partners and much more. Tarassa holds a bachelor's degree in psychology for Washington State University and a master's degree in social work from the University of Washington. She is passionate about maintaining the safety and wellbeing of children and the preservation of families through system improvement.

**Ryann Charvat:** Ryann Charvat currently serves as the statewide Child Safety Program Manager for the Department of Children, Youth and Families in Washington State. She has been practicing social work for over eighteen years and has devoted the last ten years to a career in public child welfare. Ryann has a vast amount of experience, including working within CPS Investigations, Family Assessment Response, Child Welfare Case Management and Licensing Investigations. She additionally worked within the Quality Assurance/Continuous Quality Improvement Division as the Regional Safety Administrator, where she analyzed national and statewide trends in public child welfare, facilitated complex-case consultations, and consulted on near-fatality/fatality reviews. Ryann serves on several committees sharing her expertise on child safety and strives to improve outcomes for those most vulnerable. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work from Eastern Washington University and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Sciences with a Minor in Administrative Management from Central Washington University.

**Ryan Murrey:** Ryan has been with the Washington CASA/Child Advocate State Association since 2000, save for 3 years when he worked for the King County Superior Court as their FJCIP specialist. He received his Master's degree in Organization Development from Seattle University in 2013, and his undergraduate degree in Geology from the College of Wooster. During his current 10 years as executive director of the state association, Ryan has overseen the development of numerous technical assistance achievements for the statewide Child Advocate network, including the development of the 30 hour curriculum to train new Title 13 guardians ad litem (GAL), creation of the "ICWA Institute" for volunteers and staff to gain additional certification in working with and for Native American children in state court and has lead and curated multiple CASA/GAL program development seminars at the state, regional, and local level. Ryan also serves on numerous committees as the statewide CASA/Child Advocate representative, including the Supreme Court's Commission on Foster Care, the statewide Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Committee and AOC Safety Framework team.