

Presenter Bios

Amanda Wickramasekera Wilson, Lead4Tomorrow

Amanda Wickramasekera Wilson is the program coordinator for the Family Hui Program in Oregon. Family Hui is a bi-generational program of Lead4Tomorrow that supports and empowers families to meet the challenges of raising children between the ages of 0 - 5. Amanda is passionate about this work because she is a mother and has two children between the ages 0 - 5. She also worked in the Tigard Tualatin school district for over 7 years supporting children with special needs.

Amber Bathon, Columbia Health Services

Amber Bathon, LPC MAC is the Mental Health Program Manager at Columbia Health Services. She has more than 20 years of experience providing direct services to various populations, and for the past 10 years has served in positions of leadership, program management and development, and clinical supervision.

Amelia Kercher, Amani Center

Ms. Kercher has spent over a decade working in the field of child abuse and family maltreatment, including addressing substance use disorder impacts on children and families. She has worked in many relevant settings including Mental Health, Child Protective Services, Domestic and Sexual Violence Response and is currently the Executive Director for a Child Advocacy Center.

Andrew Suchocki, Clackamas Health Centers

Andrew Suchocki has served as the medical director for Clackamas Health Centers (CHC) for over the past decade. He has helped lead the growth and evolution of CHC in a variety of aspects including increasing access, scope expansion to include addictions and hepatitis C treatment, improving resources and safety for patients experiencing chronic pain, and collaborating regionally and on a statewide level with other FQHC systems and CCOs.

Angel Escobedo, Columbia Pacific CCO

Angel Escobedo is the Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Program Development Manager at Columbia Pacific CCO (CPCCO), which serves over 29,000 Oregon Health Plan members across Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook counties. His role is to lead CPCCO's external TIC and resilience work across the region and to support leaders as they tackle childhood trauma and resilience building in children and families. He also has three sons, ages 13, 10 and 5 and a daughter on the way, so he approaches this work also as a father of young children and does his best to apply what he learns at home.

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Anya Reeser, Tillamook County Community Health Centers

Anya Reeser, MA LMHC, is the Chief Operations Officer at Tillamook County Community Health Centers (an FQHC) for the past two years. In this role, she is responsible for supporting the program implementation and growth of Integrated Behavioral Health in the Primary Care Clinics but has also rolled out numerous department-wide operational initiatives, including screening workflow improvements and documentation processes for social health needs as well as integration of Community Health Workers in the clinical setting. She is a JEDI committee member and works diligently to center her work on equity. Anya brings over a decade of clinical health leadership experience to her current role and is passionate about supporting organizations to provide the best care to every person in her community. When she is not doing this work, you can find her on the beach with her wife and two dog-children, volunteering as a Marine and Rocky Shore Interpreter with North Coast Land Conservancy, or playing trumpet in the North Oregon Coast Symphony.

Barbara Lewton, Providence

Barbara Lewton is a Peer Support Specialist with the BOB (Better Options through Bridges) program at Providence Seaside. She has experience as an Addiction Technician and Group Facilitator at Hazelden Betty Ford, an English teacher and recovery advocate in the Peace Corps, and has been in SUD recovery since 1987.

Becky Wilkinson, Providence

Becky Wilkinson is the outreach and peer support program manager for Providence Behavioral Health in Oregon. She manages various programs throughout the state, focused on serving people struggling with houselessness and other social determinants of health, coupled with mental health and substance use disorders. Her program won the 2021 American Hospital Association Dick Davidson Nova award honoring programs that collaborate with communities to design interventions that improve the health of individuals and their communities.

Betsy Boyd-Flynn, Oregon Academy of Family Physicians

Betsy has served physician organizations for nearly 20 years. Since she joined OAFP in 2018, they have launched a collaborative network supporting family medicine training programs statewide, and publichealth oriented programs on vaccine hesitancy and better connecting public health, primary care, and community-based organizations while continuing to serve the family physicians of Oregon.

Bradley Buchheit, Oregon Health & Science University

Dr. Buchheit (pronounced BOO-KITE) earned his medical degree from the State University of New York – University at Buffalo. He completed a family medicine residency, addiction medicine fellowship and general preventive medicine and public health fellowship at Boston University/Boston Medical Center. He also completed a Master of Science degree in Health Services and Systems Research and has

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applied this knowledge to perform qualitative research related to substance use and substance use disorder treatments. He is triple board certified in Family Medicine, Addiction Medicine and General Preventive Medicine & Public Health. Dr. Buchheit started his academic career in 2019 as a primary care doctor and addictionologist at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) and is currently an Associate Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Family Medicine. His responsibilities at OHSU include being the medical director of the Harm Reduction and Bridges to Care (HRBR) Clinic – a low barrier, on demand, addiction treatment clinic, serving as the program director for the addiction medicine fellowship, seeing patients with the Improving Addiction Care Team (IMPACT) – an inpatient addiction consult service, and seeing complex addiction medicine patient consults within an OHSU primary care practice. His research interests include overdose prevention, how patients experience addiction treatment, and low-barrier buprenorphine.

Bree Libertad, Healthy Families

Bree Libertad has been working with children and families in Clatsop County for more than 14 years. Bree received her Master of Science in Early Intervention from University of Oregon in 2010 and completed a graduate certificate in Infant Toddler Mental Health through Portland State University in 2023. In 2024, she completed a one-year fellowship and was endorsed as an Infant Family Specialist by the Oregon Infant Mental Health Association (ORIMHA). Bree currently works as a Family Support Specialist with Healthy Families of Clatsop County. She also serves families in rural parts of Oregon and Washington as a state-certified birth doula and a Postpartum Navigator with the Build Your Nest Project. Bree was a peer leader for Oregon's first Family Hui group in the spring of 2024. Bree lives in Warrenton with her wife and their three children, ages 15, 12, and 4.

Caitlan Wentz, Youth Era

Caitlan has worked for Youth Era for over 6 years in a number of different positions. She has worked hard on expanding programs throughout the state by continuing to build connections with community partners, youth, and the communities we serve. She is always looking at how to best serve our youth and get youth voice involved.

Christy Hudson, System of Care Advisory Council

Christy Hudson, MSW has worked for the System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC) since 2022. As the System of Care Transformation Manager, she seeks to create equitable system change for young people who live with complex behavioral health conditions and intellectual and developmental disabilities. She lives in Portland with her partner and two children.

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Cody Welty, Oregon Health Authority

Dr. Cody Welty is a Research Analyst in the Behavioral Health Analytics Team of Oregon Health Authority (OHA) assigned to the System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC). In this role, Cody provides data science expertise to SOCAC and assists with any research and data activities. Before starting at OHA, Cody served 10 years as a youth advocate for suicide prevention in Oregon, delivering pre- and postvention best practice services to high school and middle school students.

Danell Boggs, Tillamook County Community Health Centers

Dr. Boggs has worked in the social service field for more than 20 years; this includes years of experience with ID/DD, mental health, substance use, and problem gambling. Dr. Boggs received her Doctorate in Behavioral Health from ASU in 2022, and she received her Masters in Social Work from PSU in 2015. Dr. Boggs is the parent of 3 adult children, one of whom has Autism and ID/DD.

Daniel Jewell, Columbia Community Mental Health

Dan Jewell, Professional Counselor Associate and National Certified Counselor is a dedicated school-based mental health clinician with over a decade of experience in supporting students' emotional and psychological well-being. His passion lies in adolescent suicide prevention, where he works tirelessly to provide valid interventions and creates a safe, supportive environment for at-risk youth. Outside of his professional role, Dan is an avid equestrian, finding joy and relaxation in horseback riding. His dual commitment to his work and his hobby reflects his balanced approach to life, bringing empathy and resilience to both his clients and his personal pursuits.

Destinie Davis, CODA

Destinie Davis, Professional Counselor Registered Associate, has a Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSPP). She has been working with clients impacted by trauma for over 15 years and is nationally certified as a TFCBT therapist and has specialized training in suicide prevention for young people. She strives to inhabit the principles of equity, social justice, harm reduction, and anti-oppression in her work as a clinical supervisor and mental health therapist. In addition to her work in mental health, she is passionate about increasing accessibility of snow sports to individuals with physical, mental, and cognitive disabilities and is a certified ski instructor with the Professional Ski Instructors of America.

Destiny Grochow

Destiny earned her GED in Oklahoma at age 15. She became a parent in her teens and has been a single parent for most of her life. Destiny is currently a student at Clatsop Community College in Astoria and hopes to become a counselor for trauma survivors. She currently works full-time for the Atomic Motel in Astoria as a Housekeeper and Front Desk Receptionist. Destiny is mom to a 13 and almost 5-year-old.

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Dragosh Negrea, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

Dragosh is the Crisis Systems Program Manager for Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, supervising the Mobile Crisis Team, Law Enforcement Liaisons, Forensic (Aid & Assist) TEAM, and the Rapid Access Center. He has practiced in Oregon for 6 years, the last 3 in Clatsop County.

Emily Butler, GOBHI

Emily Butler is an accomplished professional, holding a Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Sciences and a Master's degree in both Business Management and Mental Health and Wellness. With eight years of dedicated experience in the child welfare field in the state of Oregon, Emily has honed a complex understanding of the complexities and challenges faced by children and families involved with the child welfare and interwoven systems. Through both academic background and practical experience, Emily has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to supporting and advocating for vulnerable populations, propelling meaningful change and promoting mental health and wellness within the community.

Eric Dotson, Clatsop County Corrections Division

Sergeant Eric Dotson began his career with Clatsop County Sheriff's Office September 2013. In May of 2014 he was selected to serve as a Corrections Deputy within the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office. The next five years he took on additional responsibilities including Court Security. In February 2019 he was transferred to the Patrol Division and served before accepting a promotion to sergeant in the Corrections Division. Early 2022 Sergeant Dotson accepted the newly created Admin/Training Sergeant position which oversees the PTO program, instructorships, and programs with community partners including MAT/OUD coordination. Eric interests and hobbies include Cultural Exchange Enthusiast, global traveler, volunteering for all community events, and freelance social engineering.

Eve Klein, CODA

Eve Klein is CODA's Sr. Medical Director. She is board certified in neurology and addiction medicine and completed fellowships in both pain medicine and addiction medicine at OHSU. She has worked at CODA since 2016 and also currently serves as the Associate Medical Director for the Oregon Medical Board. Dr. Klein is an assistant professor at OHSU, where she teaches medical students on the topics of opioids, pain, and substance use disorders. She also serves as an advisory board member for the Northwest Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Collaborative. Prior to her work in addiction medicine, Dr. Klein practiced pain medicine at Legacy Health.

Gigi Tuifua, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

Genine Tuifua is a CADC-R, CRM-2, and Jail Recovery Ally at Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare.

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Greg Bourne, Lead4Tomorrow

Greg has more than 25 years experience in the fields of education, conflict resolution, leadership development and peacebuilding. He has co-founded and directed three university and nonprofit organizations, most recently Lead4Tomorrow. His areas of expertise include developing cross-sector partnerships to address major policy and social issues, both in the United States and internationally. He has written numerous articles and led many courses and workshops toward the end of creating truly civil societies.

Heidi Hutton, Columbia Health Services

Heidi Hutton, LCSW is the Mental Health Clinical Supervisor at Columbia Health Services. She has worked in School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) and overall school based mental health services since 2015. She specializes in a Client-Centered Approach, Motivational Interviewing, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Heidi provides clinical supervision and oversight to the unlicensed mental health staff and to the wellness & engagement team for Columbia Health Services.

Jaqueline Saari, Clatsop Community Action

I am the Mental Health & Drug and Alcohol Navigator at Clatsop Community Action. I am contracted by DHS to connect those who are receiving TANF and that are JOBS eligible throughout District 1, to Mental Health & Drug and Alcohol resources. I have previously held a Peer Support role as Family Partner at Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare and have worked with youth in different early childhood education settings. I have lived experience in substance use and attachment recovery and have advocated for adults and youth throughout my life in different roles. Having lacked the early environment to do so, I had to develop relational and critical developmental skills as an adult, so I understand the struggle and the shame that comes with that. It is an honor and privilege to meet people where they are and watch them grow.

Jeff Blackford, CARE Inc.

Jeff Blackford is the Executive Director of CARE, Inc. Care, Inc. provides an array of services including financial assistance for housing, utility assistance, transportation and other basic needs. Jeff has extensive experience working on issues related to housing and homelessness from his time with C.H.A.N.C.E., including acquiring a 140-bed shelter that provides critical access to shelter and supportive services to the people of Albany, OR.

Jenni Travis, Nehalem Bay Health

Jenni Travis is a CSWA residing on the Oregon coast serving children and families in the mental health field. She currently works in a School-Based Health Center and specializes in trauma and youth.

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Jennifer Epstein, Song for Charlie

Jennifer Epstein joined Song for Charlie after losing her dear 18-year old son Cal to a fake pill in December 2020. Jennifer worked with Beaverton School District to develop their Fake & Fatal campaign, the first known fake pill awareness campaign by a school district in the country. Jennifer is now SFC's Director of Strategic Programs, leading the implementation of The New Drug Talk program.

Josh Terrill, GOBHI

Josh Terrill is a seasoned professional, holding a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Portland State University and over a decade of experience working with youth and adults with developmental, behavioral, and mental health needs. Josh has developed a profound expertise in supporting, empowering, and advocating for individuals with diverse needs. For the last four years, Josh has been providing direct service care to youth in GOBHI's therapeutic foster care program. Within this role, Josh provides compassionate and effective support to some of the most vulnerable members of the community. Josh is a Qualified Mental Health Associate (QMHA), bringing technical knowledge and a commitment to their role, ensuring that every individual receives the highest quality of care and support. Throughout their career, Josh has demonstrated dedication to making a meaningful impact in the field of mental and behavioral health, leveraging extensive experience and educational background to advocate for and improve the lives of those they serve.

Joshua Blomquist, Helping Hands

I am very passionate about my job and organization because it saved my life. I was homeless for 14 years and walked through the front door hopeless. Years later, I serve as the C.O.O. which is an honor and privilege. In my spare time, I love time with my girlfriend and dog and also play a lot of pickleball.

Kai Nichols, GOBHI

Kai Nichols is an Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist serving Grant, Harney, Lake and Malheur Counties.

Kamryn Berk, System of Care Advisory Council

Kamryn Berk, MPH is an active member of the Youth Council within the statewide System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC). As part of this work, she's leading efforts to advance youth led policy change in the Oregon legislature. She also facilitates the Oregon Youth Addiction Alliance collaborative project between SOCAC and the Alcohol & Drug Policy Commission (ADPC). Kamryn is an Oregon native and is excited to have returned home to serve her community after completing degrees at UCLA and Columbia University.

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Kelly Braaten, Clatsop County Juvenile Department

I have had the privilege of working in Oregon's Juvenile Justice system since 1998 both at the County and State level. I started as a Detention Worker in Linn County Oregon which laid the foundation for my career. Five years later, I took a position in Deschutes County as a Juvenile Probation Officer, this gave me significant experience and continued my development for an additional 5 years. Then came significant growth working for the State of Oregon as a Juvenile Parole and Probation officer with the Oregon Youth Authority, working with the highest risk populations in Oregon's Juvenile Justice System, this opportunity lasted for eleven years. My current role is with Clatsop County, as the Juvenile Department Director where I continue to learn and grow on a daily basis. I don't see my work as a career, I see it as an opportunity to help guide and challenge the youth of Oregon to strive for greatness, regardless of the circumstance.

Kim Lyon, Northwest Regional Educational Service District

Kim Lyon has been with Northwest Regional ESD as the Tillamook Service Center Administrator for the past 12 years. Prior to that, she served as the Activities Director and as a special education teacher at Tillamook High School. Kim has spent the last 12 years advocating for children and families in the early childhood special education program. She was integral in implementing process changes to increase referrals to early intervention and early childhood special education services in Tillamook County. She continually works with her team in collaboration with community partners to close the referral and feedback loop and remove barriers to services for children.

Kimmy Dutton, Amani Center

Kimmy Dutton has extensive education in child development and family studies. She has many years of experience working in substance use disorder response and mental health settings. Kimmy is currently the Forensic Assessment Program Manager at the Amani Center, providing response and support services to children and families who have been impacted by abuse.

Lindsay Gilinksy, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

Lindsay Gilinsky (she/her) is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC-1) and Qualified Mental Health Associate (QMHA-1) who has lived in Clatsop County for 8 years now. She entered the behavioral health field almost three years ago with a strong desire to give back after surviving her own lived experiences with substance use and mental health challenges. Lindsay's focus and passion is counseling youth and/or members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community with substance use challenges.

Lydia Bartholow, Unity Center for Behavioral Health

Lydia Bartholow, DNP, PMHNP, CARN-AP, FIAAN is a doctorally prepared psychiatric nurse practitioner with a specialty in addiction medicine and trauma-informed care. She is the medical director of an emergency room that specializes in psychiatric and SUD related crises in Portland, Oregon and is on faculty at University California San Francisco where she teaches in the psychiatric nurse practitioner

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program. She speaks nationally on topics such as co-occurring disorders, harm reduction and substance use disorder care system improvement.

Lynne Griffin, Northwest Regional Education Service District

Lynne Griffin serves as the Administrator for the NWRESD Clatsop Service Center Astoria. She directs early intervention and early childhood special education programs in Clatsop County and oversees a youth transition program that prepares students with disabilities for post-graduation opportunities. She is responsible for convening school districts and facilitating collaborative initiatives. She joined NWRESD in the fall of 2021. Lynne has more than two decades of experience in K-12 education as a speech-language pathologist and as a K-12 central office special education administrator. Lynne is passionate about listening to families and implementing policies that ensure students from all backgrounds will succeed, especially those from historically marginalized communities.

Marika Shimkus, Columbia Pacific CCO

Marika Shimkus (she/her), LPC, has worked primarily as a health resilience specialist with CareOregon for the past 11 years, serving underserved populations in Clatsop County for the past 7 of those. She has worked in this field for close to 20 years, starting with community mental health in Massachusetts and Oregon. She has also worked for the past 5+ years as mental health counselor at the Clatsop County jail, meeting weekly with AlCs to offer counseling support and resources.

Matt Doyle, NWRESD

Matt Doyle has served as administrator in Columbia County since July 1, 2023. Before that, he was Director of Academic Programs in St. Helens School District. Matt has been working in school and district administration for nine years, including 6 years in international school administration. Much of Matt's efforts in his current role is in Early Childhood Intervention, helping to ensure children and their families receive services that will prepare children with identified disabilities to become independent learners in kindergarten and beyond.

Matthew Thenell, Tillamook County

I've worked in Oregon's juvenile justice system since 1998. Most of that time has been with Tillamook County, doing probation beginning 2000. I've been the Juvenile Department Director since 2021.

Merrill Mathre, Clatsop Community Action

Merrill Mathre works at Clatsop Community Action as the Program Manager. She has been with Clatsop Community Action for 5 years, mostly as a housing case manager. She has 22 years of experience working with non-profits and community action agencies.

Miranda Patrick, Columbia Community Mental Health

Miranda Patrick, Wraparound Care Coordinator at CCMH. Miranda has worked at CCMH for the last three years. While at CCMH, Miranda has developed the first BIPOC Mental Wellness Group for adolescents within Columbia County. Breaking barriers for marginalized groups and curating equitable

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access to Mental Health care are two of Miranda's largest passions. Witnessing the functionality of youth and their families improve, while identifying their natural support systems are the most rewarding parts of her work as a WCC.

Nick Clark, Youth Era

Nick has worked for the last 6 years at Youth Era starting as a Wraparound Youth Partner and worked his way up to Program Manager. Throughout that time he has been able to work hand in hand with youth, community partners, and members of the communities he's served. He is passionate about advocacy and peer delivered services.

Paul Knoch, Seaside Police Dept

Paul Knoch joined the Seaside Police Department in 2020 after 20+ years as Human Resources Manager for Cannon Beach Conference Center. In his role as CSO, Knoch is responsible for code enforcement, animal control, and serves as the Homeless Liaison for the police department helping connect the houseless community with available resources.

Qurynn Hale, Columbia Pacific CCO

Qurynn Hale, LMSW, is the Behavioral Health Manger for Children Youth and Families with Columbia Pacific CCO, which is a non-profit CCO owned by CareOregon. She has worked with CPCCO for 5 years serving in Children and Youth System of Care of Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia County. With over 10 years of experience in social work, Qurynn has worked in residential treatment, schools, emergency departments, supportive housing, and other community-based settings supporting children, youth and families. When she's not working, she enjoys teaching her Irish Terrier, Widget, new tricks, exploring the wonders of Oregon with friends and hiking in forests with her husband Kevin.

Rachel Thomas, Columbia Pacific CCO

Rachel Thomas, MPH is the Population Health Specialist for Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization (CPCCO). In her role, Rachel implements and monitors population health programming in Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties to serve and better the health of communities in the North Coast. Originally hailing from Ohio, Rachel received her Masters in Public Health from The Ohio State University, where her passion for public health, research, health equity, and serving rural communities was ignited. She and her husband are the proud dog parents of a basset hound mix named Remington, who always keeps them on their toes (or, on the couch).

Renee Liphardt, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

Renee Liphardt is a substance use disorder clinician at Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare.

Rick Martinez, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

Rick is the Recovery Services Manager for Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare and has 10 years of experience in the field of both residential and outpatient treatment.

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Safina Koreishi, Columbia Pacific CCO

Safina Koreishi MD, MPH is the Senior Medical Director of Clinical Services for CareOregon, and also the Medical Director of Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care organization (CCO), which is a non-profit CCO owned by CareOregon. She is also an adjunct associate professor of Family Medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University. Dr. Koreishi completed the Clinical Innovations Fellowship through the Oregon Health Authority in 2016. She is board certified in both family and preventive medicine, and has spent her career practicing family medicine and providing clinical leadership in safety-net clinics. She has a passion for public health, underserved medicine, serving the community, and improving/transforming the systems of care for patients as well as for those who work within it. She has spent years partnering with organizations to build out regional SUD services, working together to expand access for the community. She is the mother of amazing, almost 7 year old twins.

Sarah Ermer, Tillamook County Community Health Centers

In her role of Prevention Specialist, Sarah serves Tillamook as the county's Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention & Education Program (ADPEP) coordinator and Problem Gambling Services (PGS) coordinator. She applies public health principles to implement evidence-based programming and best practices for community-engaged work.

Stacia Tyacke, Juvenile Department

I began my career in Juvenile Justice in 1996 and have had the opportunity to work at both the State and County levels. I first worked for the Oregon Youth Authority as a Group Life Coordinator, at both Maclaren and North Coast Youth Correctional Facilities, working with adjudicated youth housed within the facilities. I then switched gears and moved to the front-end of the system by moving to the County level; accepting a position as a Juvenile Court Counselor/Probation Officer for the Columbia County Juvenile Department. Our department was restructured in 2012 merging the Juvenile Department with adult Community Corrections creating the Columbia County Department of Community Justice (DCJ). I am currently the Juvenile Division Supervisor for the DCJ.

Stacy Lorette, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

Stacy Lorette is the Associate Clinical Director at Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare. Stacy has worked in the field of social work for over 30 years in a variety of capacities and possesses expertise in working with families and children of all ages. She earned her Master's in Social Work from Portland State University in 2010 and is passionate about providing quality services to underserved populations.

Trista Boudon, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

As a 5th generation Astoria, Oregon native, I had torched my name and family reputation in the public eye in Clatsop County starting as a "troubled youth" at a mere 12 years old. Substance Use controlled my every thought and decision, landing me as a Resident at the infamous psychiatric youth

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involuntary residential center recently featured on Paris Hilton's "This is Paris" and Netflix's Premiere "The Program: Cons, Cults, and Kidnapping" documentaries: Provo Canyon School in Provo, Springfield and Orem, Utah from 2002 – 2003 at 14 years old, only to find a path of Recovery in 2016 through a local 12 Step community. I celebrated 8 years of sobriety on June 19th, 2016, and am credentialed as a CADC II, QMHA II, and CRM II, serving in my home community as the Recovery Services Program Assistant Manager at Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare.

Youth Era Youth Advisory Council

The Columbia County Youth Advisory Council is a passionate team of young people committed to tackling the issues affecting their community. They use their firsthand experiences and insights to identify and improve these barriers. This diverse group is made up of passionate and motivated individuals who actively influence the agenda of each meeting. Each meeting is filled with valuable perspectives. The Youth Advisory Council is instrumental in closing the gap between the community and organizations by making sure that the voices and needs of young people, who frequently face these obstacles daily, are heard and effectively met.

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