



## 2022 NCSL Youth Homelessness Fellows Program

### Faculty & Speaker Bios

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**William C. Bell**, PhD, became president and chief executive officer of Casey Family Programs in January 2006. He chairs the Executive Team and is ultimately responsible for the vision, mission, strategies and objectives of the foundation. Bell has nearly 40 years of experience in the human services field.

(<https://www.casey.org/who-we-are/executive-team/president-ceo/>)

**Melanie Berry**, Psy.D. is a senior specialist, innovator supports at the Center on the Developing Child, where she oversees the ongoing development of the Center's innovator support content and offerings including the IDEAS Impact Framework™, Science X Design, and Transition to Scalability. She brings extensive experience in the design, implementation and evaluation of programs to support young children and families facing adversity, and she's passionate about helping innovators in the early childhood field use information and data to achieve better outcomes. Berry was formerly the director of innovation strategies at the Center on the Developing Child (<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/people/melanie-berry/>)

**Patricia Julianelle** is senior strategist for program advancement and legal affairs at SchoolHouse Connection. She is an attorney and legal consultant for state and local governments and nonprofit organizations. Patricia has over 25 years of experience defending children's and youth's rights and leading state and federal policy advocacy. Her expertise is in education law and policy, including the rights of children and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, students with disabilities and undocumented immigrants. Patricia's work has been published in academic and practice journals, including the Children's Legal Rights Journal, the Journal of Negro Education, Seattle Journal of Social Justice and Journal of Poverty Law & Policy. She graduated from Yale University and received her J.D. *summa cum laude* from Lewis & Clark Law School.

**Kim Justice** is executive director of the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection at the Washington State Department of Commerce. Kim has over 20 years of experience in change-making through public policy development, legislative advocacy, executive branch leadership and community organizing. Prior to joining the Office of Homeless Youth, Kim was a senior budget analyst with the Washington State Budget & Policy Center. She has worked as a policy advisor for the Washington State House of Representatives, as a community organizer and lobbyist with the Statewide Poverty Action Network and served as vice president for the board of The Mockingbird Society, a nationally recognized youth advocacy organization.

**Kahran LaTourette** is youth project coordination at Innovations HTC. He/They is an Indigenous-Japanese mixed-



race peer advocate and student at Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. Kahran has lived experience with housing instability and transitional housing that brought him to his work focus on protecting participants' autonomy in support programs and other resources. Kahran was a library assistant at the Downtown Olympia Library. Through his work at the library, they got in contact with the Office of Homeless Youth and became a part of the Youth Homelessness Prevention Steering committee made up of lived experts and caregivers.

**Greta Massetti**, Ph.D., is the branch chief of the Field Epidemiology and Prevention Branch and a senior epidemiologist in the Division of Violence Prevention of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Massetti collaborates with CDC global partners to increase the availability of scientific data on the topics of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), violence against children, gender-based violence and related health consequences. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology and music at Northwestern University; a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in clinical psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and completed a post-doctoral psychology residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

**Katie Meyer Scott** is a senior attorney at the National Homelessness Law Center. Before joining the Law Center, Katie was a staff attorney at Solid Ground in Seattle providing legal representation to low-income people in administrative hearings and appeals for state public benefits. Katie has also worked as the director of pro bono programs at Homeless Persons Representation Project in Baltimore, MD and held multiple positions, including executive director of Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington, there she provided civil legal representation to unstably housed youth and young adults. She is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law.

**Rodd Monts** is director of state policy at SchoolHouse Connection. He has more than 15 years of advocacy, organizing, public policy and coalition building experience. His work spans many social justice issues, including education, juvenile justice, immigrants' rights, reducing mass incarceration, police reform, voting rights and LGBT equality. Rodd's work in Michigan contributed to the passage of the Detroit Community Input Over Government Surveillance ordinance, Public Acts 383-397, groundbreaking pretrial reform legislation, Public Acts 360-366 of 2016 (the "Rethink Discipline Act") and eliminating zero tolerance discipline in the state's public schools. He has a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and master's degrees from Wayne State University and Marygrove College.

**Matthew Morton** is a research fellow at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. Matt has expertise in youth development, youth homelessness, evaluation of complex interventions and evidence-based practice. He leads the youth homelessness agenda at Chapin Hall and is the principal investigator for Voices of Youth Count, a national research and policy initiative focused on building evidence to support action on ending youth homelessness. He also leads Chapin Hall's youth outcomes project, an effort to improve outcomes and



measurement across multiple domains in systems, services and research related to youth homelessness. He holds a PhD and Master of Science in Evidence-Based Intervention and Policy Evaluations from the University of Oxford and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Stetson University.