



## Coming Home: Helping Young Adults Stay Out of the Justice System

Congressional Co-hosts: Senator Christopher Murphy and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

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### BIOGRAPHIES

#### Christopher Murphy

U.S. Senator, Connecticut



Christopher S. Murphy is the junior United States Senator for Connecticut. Elected in 2012, Murphy serves on the Appropriations Committee, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, and the Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Murphy served Connecticut's Fifth Congressional District for three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. The district includes the towns of Danbury, Meriden, New Britain, Torrington and Waterbury. During his three terms, Murphy served on the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Energy and Commerce Committee, and the Committee on Financial Services.

Murphy grew up in Wethersfield, Conn., and attended Williams College. In 2002, he graduated from UConn Law School. He practiced real estate and banking law from 2002-2006 with the firm of Ruben, Johnson & Morgan in Hartford, Conn.

#### Patricia E. Campie

Principal Researcher, American Institutes for Research



Patricia Campie is responsible for developing and leading rigorous multi-site community-based research, evaluation and technical assistance initiatives in the justice, child welfare and youth development fields. She has more than 19 years of experience supporting community, agency and tribal efforts to implement data-driven crime prevention and community development strategies.

Campie acts as co-principal investigator for a federally funded study that looks at the impact of police integration in violence prevention on community norms of violence in disadvantaged communities in Massachusetts. Campie is also leading a project in California to develop a school safety diagnostic tool that will help schools determine their readiness to implement evidence-based practices, and the extent to which exclusionary school discipline practices are disproportionately impacting students of color.

She serves in a senior role on the Initiative to Develop and Test Juvenile Drug Court Guidelines, a five-year research study funded by OJJDP and recently completed a systematic review on implementation effectiveness of adolescent interventions as part of this study. Through the Center for Coordinated Assistance to States, she is assessing evidence-based practice reforms and supporting juvenile justice systems using implementation science tools and a continuous quality improvement process.

### **Kendra Jochum**

Re-entry Services Manager, Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, Detention Services Division



Kendra Jochum began her career with the Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation in 2001 and initially served in a number of progressively responsible positions with the Pre-Release and Re-entry Services Division. Jochum managed programs and services in the division in addition to assessing individuals' suitability to transfer from secure confinement to complete their terms of incarceration within the community based program.

Jochum transferred in 2013 to the Detention Services Division to serve as the manager overseeing re-entry services and programs as well as intake case management within two secured facilities for sentenced and pretrial custodial populations. She expanded re-entry services to include re-entry screening and assessment methods as well as developed a matrix of targeted

interventions and a broad menu of programs to address criminogenic risk factors and re-entry needs in support of individuals with variable lengths in custody.

She continues to support the larger mantra of Re-entry For All in developing innovations and efficiencies to maximize flexible and effective services to the custodial population and individuals preparing to return to the community.

### **Brent Kelsey**

Assistant Director, Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health



Brent Kelsey is the assistant director for the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. In this position, he oversees public substance use disorder treatment and prevention services. Kelsey has held this position since 2005. In addition, Kelsey has served as a member of many state-level policy groups including the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, The Utah Substance Abuse Advisory Council, the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Implementation Committee and the Veteran's and Military Affairs Commission.

Prior to his current position, Kelsey worked for the DSAMH as the justice program manager to expand drug courts and other programs designed to ensure that Utahans involved with the criminal justice system have access to effective treatment services. In 2004, Kelsey was chosen to receive the Governor's Award from the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council for outstanding contributions to the substance abuse field. Before his current position, he worked for the Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services Felony Drug Court Program. Kelsey earned a bachelor's in political science at the University of Utah and his law degree from the Saint Louis University School of Law. He lives in Salt Lake City with his wife, Jennifer and his two children, Samantha and Cameron.

### **Jeffrey Land**

Former Offender, Montgomery County



Jeffrey Land defines himself as a recovering addict and ex-offender. He abused alcohol for 32 years since the age of 19. At that time he left the church he was raised in, started college, found girls, was making friends and felt his world was full of endless possibilities. Five years later he acknowledged that he was an alcoholic. Since then he struggled with many attempts toward sobriety, but in the meantime was academically suspended from school, could not keep a family, a job or a home. He accumulated DWI's, an extensive criminal record of alcohol-related charges, and has been in and out of jail for the last 11 years.

Land is currently sober, participating in a new grant funded initiative serving repeat offenders with behavioral health issues, Comprehensive Reentry Project (CORP), that promised to serve him for a year following his release from jail. He will be moving into permanent supportive housing directly after completion of his treatment program and will be served and supervised by CORP for the following 9 to 12 months. During previous attempts at re-entry services, oversight stopped quickly after referral to the next program, but CORP offered intensive wraparound services to include mental health treatment and housing. He asserts that, had CORP not promised those two key components in their program besides the usual substance abuse treatment, he would absolutely not have agreed to be their first client. But they did, and so he is here.

### **Jennifer Loeffler-Cobia**

Senior Researcher, American Institutes for Research



Jennifer Loeffler-Cobia brings more than 15 years of experience working in criminal justice and community settings and is well versed in evidence-based practices to reduce recidivism. She has expertise build-

ing organizational capacity to support evidence-based practice and advancing system change through improving multi-sector collaboration. She has been instrumental in evidence-based justice system reform in numerous states such as Utah, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Oregon and Virginia.

Most recently, Loeffler-Cobia is leading juvenile and adult probation departments in California through system change and justice reform. In addition, she has evaluated evidence-based practice adherence in more than 20 prison, jail, and community-based treatment programs, and re-entry programs in Utah. Her evaluation work and technical assistance supported the Utah Justice Reinvestment Initiative with the Utah Governor's office that has led to legislation change and implementation system reform. She has developed and published multiple organizational assessments, quality improvement and evidence-based practice implementation tools, and resources for use in community-based and justice organizations.

### **Athena Morrow**

Manager, Adult Forensic Services, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services



Athena Morrow, MA, LCPC, is the Manager of Adult Forensic Services for Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. She has worked as a front line clinician and program manager for more than 30 years, specializing in issues pertaining to the treatment and re-entry needs of offenders who are identified with behavioral health concerns. She has helped develop pre- and post- booking diversion programs with a focus on system integration, identifying and overcoming of barriers and court advocacy. Most recently she has been the project manager of two-year grant awarded by BJA Second Chance Act, providing re-entry services to high risk recidivists with mental health and concurring substance use disorders.

Morrow received her master's in clinical counseling from Tufts University.