



Meet the Trainers



Ann McCabe, LMFT is a licensed Marriage/Family Therapist who has worked in child welfare for more than 25 years. In addition to her private clinical practice, she works with The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey as a trainer for the NJ Child Welfare Training Partnership, whose charge is it to bring current and evidenced-based practice topics to its leadership and casework staff. In addition to LGBTQ competence, Ann's training topics include: Infant/Childhood Traumatic Stress, Infant Mental Health, Immigration, and the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children/Families.



Darryn Green is a former foster youth who has spent half of his life dedicated to youth empowerment and systems change. He has served as a child welfare training consultant since 2005 focusing on improving practices of adults that work with transition aged youth and emerging adults from marginalized communities including LGBTQI2s youth, current and former foster youth, and youth impacted by mental health systems.



Garry I. Bevel, Esq., a former prosecutor and Guardian ad Litem attorney, is currently Jacksonville Florida's Children's Ombudsperson. In this role he promotes the best interests of all Jacksonville's children and youth as well as their rights to non-discrimination and to thrive and be heard as outlined by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Karey Scheyd, MPA, is a nonprofit management consultant with professional experience in foster care, adoption, and LGBTQ services since 1999. Her particular areas of interest within the field include foster parent recruitment and finding permanent homes for older youth in care. When she's not busy delivering training, developing curriculum or improving programs, you can find her traveling the world with her partner or spending

quality time with her dog.



Michael J. Ferrera is the executive director of the Foundation for the AIDS Monument which is building Los Angeles' AIDS Monument in West Hollywood, California. Michael previously founded LifeWorks, the first comprehensive mentoring and leadership development program of its kind for LGBT youth ages 12-24. LifeWorks is now a program of the Los Angeles LGBT Center and trains mentoring programs nationwide.



Nia Clark is a Boston native with more than 20 years of unique experience in the child welfare system — first as a transgender youth of color who grew up in foster care and now as a professional working with young adults. As an activist for both the trans community and youth in systems of care, she is regularly sought after for various speaking engagements, panels, and conferences.



Rob Woronoff, MS, has worked with LGBTQ children, youth, and families for more than 25 years and is a nationally-recognized leader in efforts to ensure their safety, health, and well-being. He has delivered presentations and speeches at more than 100 conferences and has provided training on LGBTQ competence to thousands of social workers, foster parents, attorneys, law enforcement and corrections officials, medical and mental health professionals, and other advocates for children and families throughout the country.



Robin McHaelen, MSW, has 25 years of experience in LGBTQ curriculum development, training, and programming within schools, child welfare agencies and other professional settings. She has received numerous awards for her work on behalf of LGBTQ youth and families including the 2014 HRC Upstander Award.



Tracy Flynn, M. Ed., has more than 25 years of experience in management and leadership positions in local and national health, welfare, and education institutions. Her mission is to provide training and coaching to build healthy individuals, organizations, and communities. Her expertise includes anti-bias and inclusion, leadership and management training. She also works with program managers and executives as a work/life coach.

“The trainer was extremely receptive to the audience and was flexible, leading the direction based on the needs of those in the room. The trainer made the environment extremely welcoming... This training should be required for all organizations across the country. It was fantastic!”

– Training Participant

“The trainer was very informative and personable during the two days of training. I really appreciated his use of professional experience and personal stories to correlate with the material. It was refreshing to see a trainer not just read off of the projector screen.”

– Training Participant