

# DCFS Advisory Boards & Councils FY2024

## Illinois Adoption Advisory Council (IAAC)

### Council Liaison

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### Co-Chairs/CWAC

Aneliya Kostova, Co-Chair and CWAC  
Term Serving: 1st term, Adoptee  
Start Date: 07-01-22  
End Date: 06-30-25

Karen Taylor, Co-Chair and CWAC  
Term Serving: 4<sup>th</sup> Term Professional  
Start Date: 7-01-20  
End Date: 06-30-23

### Central Region Adoptive Parent/Guardian (2)

Julie Yelverton  
Term Serving: 3rd Term  
Start Date: 07-01-22  
End Date: 06-30-25

Ginny Hayes Manske  
Term Serving: 1<sup>st</sup> Term  
Start Date: 07-01-23  
End Date: 06-30-26

### Cook Region Adoptive Parent/Guardian (4)

Brittney J. Sprouse  
Term Serving: 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
Start Date: 03-28-21  
End Date: 06-30-24

VACANT

Term: Fill Term  
Start Date: 07-01-22  
End Date: 06-30-25

VACANT

Term: Fill Term  
Start Date: 07-01-22  
End Date: 06-30-25

VACANT

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> Term  
Start Date: 07-01-23  
End Date: 06-30-26

### Northern Region Adoptive Parent/Guardian (2)

VACANT  
Fill term:  
Start Date: 07-01-21  
End Date: 06-30-24

VACANT  
Fill term:  
Start Date: 07-01-22  
End Date: 06-30-25

### Southern Region Adoptive Parent/Guardian (2)

Keely Giles, Adoptive Parent  
Southern Region  
Term Serving: 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
Start Date: 07-01-21  
End Date: 06-30-24

VACANT  
Term Serving: 1st term  
Start Date: 07-01-23  
End Date: 06-30-26

### Adoptive Parents At Large (3)

Nancy Farquhar  
Term Serving: 1st term  
Start Date: 3-14-22  
End Date: 6-30-25

VACANT

Fill Term:  
Start Date: 07-01-21  
End Date: 06-30-24

VACANT

1<sup>st</sup> Term:  
Start Date: 07-01-23  
End Date: 06-30-26

### Adoptees At Large (4)

Aneliya Kostova (Co-Chair)

Tabbitha Wilson

Term: Fill Term  
Start Date: 07-01-21  
End Date: 6-30-24

**Adoptees At Large cont'd (4)**

VACANT

1<sup>st</sup> Term:

Start Date: 07-01-22

End Date: 06-30-25

VACANT

1<sup>st</sup> Term:

Start Date: 07-01-23

End Date: 06-30-26

**Adoption/Guardianship Service**

**Providers/Professional (up to 7)**

Kathleen Bush

Term Serving: 1<sup>st</sup> term

Start Date: 07-01-22

End Date: 06-20-25

Mary Kay Collins

Term Serving: 2<sup>nd</sup> term

Start Date: 07-01-22

End Date: 06-30-25

Pamela Mills

Term Serving: 1<sup>st</sup> term

Start Date: 7-01-22

End Date: 06-30-25

Cara Siebert

Term Serving: 2<sup>nd</sup> term

Start Date: 7-01-22

End Date: 06-30-25

Dawn Saphir-Pruett

Term Serving: 1<sup>st</sup> term

Start Date: 07-01-22

End Date: 06-20-25

Karen Taylor (Co-Chair)

term expired 06/30/23, will serve until replaced, per council bylaws

Ron Tyler

Term Serving: Fill term

Start Date: 07-01-21

End Date: 06-20-24

VACANT

1<sup>st</sup> Term:

Start Date: 07-01-23

End Date: 06-30-26

**Past Chairperson/ Advisor**

Keely Giles, Adoptive Parent

Serving as Past Chair/ Advisor

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