

DCFS Advisory Boards & Councils FY2024

DCFS Statewide Foster Care Advisory Council (SWFCAC)

Council Liaison

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SOUTHERN REGION FOSTER PARENTS-2

Tori Beaty
11/1/22 – 6-30-24 – Fill Term

Amy Keller
7/1/23 – 6-30-26 – 1st Term

NORTHERN REGION FOSTER PARENTS -2

Erin Nysather-Janssens
7-1-21 thru 6-30-24 – Fill term

Johnnie Pentenburg
7-1-22 thru 6-30-25 – Fill Term

CENTRAL REGION FOSTER PARENTS - 3

John Spears
7-1-22 thru 6-30-25 - Fill term

VACANT
Fill Term: 07-01-21 – 06-30-24

VACANT
1st Term: 07-01-23 – 06-30-26

COOK NORTH FOSTER PARENTS – 2

Bridget Couture
Fill Term – 7-1-21 thru 6-30-24

VACANT 7-01-22 – 06-30-25

COOK CENTRAL FOSTER PARENTS -2

VACANT
1st Term 07/01/2021 – 06-30-2024

VACANT
1st Term: 07-01-23 – 06-30-26

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COOK SOUTH FOSTER PARENTS - 2

Andreana Hill Franklin
07/01/21 - 06/30/24 – Fill Term

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Fill Term: 7-1-22 thru 6-30-25

2 CWAC FOSTER PARENTS

Downstate Foster Parent CWAC
Melissa Smith
7/1/23-6/30/26 – 1st Term

Cook County Foster Parent CWAC

Phyllis Summers
7-1-22 thru 6-30-25 – 1st Term

2 FC PROFESSIONALS FROM CWAC REPRESENTING FOSTER CARE AGENCIES

Harriet Kersh
7-1-21 thru 6-30-24 – 2nd Term

Mary Savage
7-1-22 thru 6-30-25 – 2nd Term

4 NON-DCFS PERSONS WITH RECOGNIZED EXPERTISE IN FOSTER CARE

Susan McConnell
7-1-23 thru 6-30-26 – 2nd Term

Rebecca Thomas, Chairperson
7-1-21 thru 6-30-24 – 1st Term

Tiffany T. Johnson, Vice Chairperson
7-1-23 thru 6-30-26 – 2nd Term

Carina Santa Maria
07-01-22 thru 06-30-25 – Fill Term

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Arrela Hall

IFAPA PRESIDENT

Inactive Association

COOK COUNTY ADVISORY CHAIR

Vacant – Inactive Council