

# 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Molly Hamilton  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

VACANT  
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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

### **Cook County Foster Parent CWAC**

Phyllis Summers  
7-1-22 thru 6-30-25 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

### **2 FC PROFESSIONALS FROM CWAC REPRESENTING FOSTER CARE AGENCIES**

Harriet Kersh  
7-1-21 thru 6-30-24 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

Mary Savage  
7-1-22 thru 6-30-25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

### **4 NON-DCFS PERSONS WITH RECOGNIZED EXPERTISE IN FOSTER CARE**

Susan McConnell  
7-1-23 thru 6-30-26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

Rebecca Thomas, Chairperson  
7-1-21 thru 6-30-24 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

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

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

### **IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR**

Arrelida Hall

### **IFAPA PRESIDENT**

Inactive Association

### **COOK COUNTY ADVISORY CHAIR**

Vacant – Inactive Council