



Clinton Lacey was appointed by Mayor Muriel Bowser as the Director of the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) in 2015. Before joining DYRS, Clinton had more than 25 years of experience working with youth and families - 19 of which have been focused in the field of juvenile and criminal justice.

Clinton joined the New York City Department of Probation as the Deputy Commissioner for adult operations in 2011. In June of 2006, Clinton held a project manager position at the W. Haywood Burns Institute, working in several jurisdictions around the nation with stakeholders engaged in the Institute's process of addressing racial disparities in local juvenile justice systems. Clinton also served as the director of the Youth Justice Program at Vera Institute of Justice, where he oversaw a technical assistance project focused on the reform of New York State's juvenile justice policies.

From 1992 to 2004, Clinton operated as the associate executive director of Friends of Island Academy, developing and managing services for 16 to 24-year-olds involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems of New York City. Clinton is an experienced trainer, facilitator and keynote speaker on such issues as DMC, racial and ethnic disparity, transitional discharge planning, comprehensive re-entry services, gang intervention strategies and overall youth and human development. Clinton has a B.A. in Latin American and Caribbean History from Herbert H. Lehman College (City University of New York) and is a graduate of the Institute for Not-for-Profit Management at Columbia University.

Angela Sedeño, PhD — *Executive Director, The Kedzie Center*

Dr. Sedeño is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist who earned her doctorate at Loyola University Chicago with a specialty in child and family psychology. She is a native Chicagoan who has worked in community mental health since 1999. Prior to joining The Kedzie Center as Executive Director, she served as Family Services Program Director at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center. Her clinical specialties include adolescent psychology, conduct disorders, trauma informed care, acculturation, cultural identity and immigration-related stress and resilience. Other interests include social and restorative justice and the roots and impact of community violence on youth and families. A first generation Mexican-American, she is bilingual/bicultural.



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As JPI's executive director, Marc Schindler is a dedicated justice system reformer, while serving in a variety of roles. Most recently, he was a partner at a DC-based nonprofit philanthropic investment organization, Venture Philanthropy Partners. He served in a variety of leadership roles at DC's juvenile justice agency, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) including Chief of Staff and Interim Director. Schindler also served as Staff Attorney with the Youth Law Center, advocating for the rights of young people in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. He is also a former Baltimore City public defender. Schindler is a recognized expert in the field, providing commentary in the national media, including on CNN and NPR, and is also the author of numerous articles and book chapters.

About our Commissioner

Peter Forbes was appointed Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS) in June 2013. Forbes was re-appointed as DYS Commissioner by Governor Charles Baker and the Secretary of Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Marylou Sudders in February 2015.

For more than 30 years Commissioner Forbes has provided, in numerous capacities, steadfast leadership to the Department of Youth Services. Forbes' long-standing service with the DYS began in January of 1983 when he was first hired as a direct-care worker at the Connelly Secure Treatment Unit. Following several years with the Department, he was promoted to DYS Regional Director for Boston and served in that role for more than 10 years. As Regional Director, Forbes established a series of constructive relationships with public agency and community-based partners that improved services and strengthened positive outcomes for DYS youth.

In 2005, Commissioner Forbes was promoted to DYS Assistant Commissioner for Operations. For seven years, Forbes supervised field-based operations, and initiated and implemented policy and practice changes including providing oversight to ensure that the residential continuum is safe for both youth and staff. Commissioner Forbes was also instrumental in the design and implementation of a structured community reentry model for youth who are returning to their home communities. Forbes was later appointed Deputy Commissioner where he managed field operations and ensured quality residential programming, community transition and supervision critical to the effective daily operations of the Department.

Commissioner Forbes remains committed to sustaining efforts that ensure low-risk youth do not penetrate the deep end of the juvenile justice system, and that youth in DYS custody receive appropriate services where and when they need them most.

Under Commissioner Forbes' stewardship, the Department prioritizes improved data-entry and quality directed at positive youth outcomes as well as providing valuable educational, employment and training opportunities for DYS youth. These priorities are centered on the Department's long-term goals of reducing recidivism and improving public safety.

In 2014, Commissioner Forbes was recognized for his leadership in implementing positive youth development practices, reducing the use of room confinement in residential treatment, and for fostering a forum for collaborative learning among national juvenile justice administrators by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrator's "President's Award." Forbes received the 2012 "Capstone of the Year" Award from the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University for his efforts in strengthening the case planning pathway for youth involved in child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Forbes holds a Master of Science in Human Services with a concentration in Administration from the College of Public and Community Service at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and an undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.