

**We are excited to welcome our newest ECAC Nominees!**



**Bonnie Catlin, LCSW**

New York State Office of Mental Health, Division for Integrated Community Services for Children & Families, Director for Strategic Clinical Solutions

Bonnie Catlin oversees and guides all of the Division's efforts on prevention, early childhood services, integration with primary care, and partnership with schools. Some of the programs overseen by her Bureau are Project TEACH, HealthySteps, the NYS Parent Education Partnership, and Project Achieve. She has a wealth of experience in children's mental health, early childhood services, and Systems of Care. She worked for nearly 20 years in county government. Having served as an intensive case manager, Children's Single Point of Access (SPOA) Coordinator, and the Clinical Director, she has a deep understanding of the children's service delivery system and insights into how to improve it.



**Kelvin Chan PhD, MTS, MPH**

Early Childhood, Robin Hood Foundation, Managing Director

[www.robinhood.org](http://www.robinhood.org)

Kelvin Chan, Ph.D., is the Managing Director of Early Childhood at Robin Hood. He leads the Foundation's ambitious efforts to optimize birth outcomes, maternal health and early childhood development. Dr. Chan's portfolio includes the Fund for Early Learning, one of the nation's largest philanthropic funds focused on optimizing brain development in infants and toddlers. Before joining Robin Hood, Dr. Chan was the director of early childhood development at the New York City Health Department. Dr. Chan's undergraduate, master's and doctoral training in public health are from Brown, Columbia and Cambridge Universities, respectively. He also holds a master's degree in comparative world religions from Harvard University. Dr. Chan is also a member of the Board of Directors of Child Care Aware of America ([www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org)).



### **Laura Gonzalez-Murphy, PhD**

NYS State Department of State, Director of Immigration Policy and Research

Doctor Laura V. González-Murphy, is the Director of Immigration Policy and Research at the NY State Department of State, where she serves lead policy advisor on the State’s response to federal immigration policies. In this capacity she has led the design and implementation of unique initiatives to ameliorate the human impact of the latest federal immigration policies and demographic flows, such as Governor Cuomo’s [Golden Door](#) program which provides mental health assistance to immigrant families across New York and the [Ramirez June Navigator](#), which focuses on empowering immigrant families with developmental disabilities support as they seek to access services they are entitled to. Prior to this position she served as Director of the Agency’s State Office for New Americans (ONA), overseeing the operation of the Office’s network of service providers across the state, a model of immigrant integration in the country, and the implementation of [NaturalizeNY](#), the first public-private partnership of its kind, aimed at lifting the financial barrier to citizenship faced by New Yorkers. She has also served as consultant on immigration policy issues with the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Welcoming International and the Mexican Congress, etc. Prior to this position she was a Research Assistant Professor at Rockefeller College, SUNY at Albany, where she has taught a variety of courses on foreign policy, immigration, human rights, and immigration and Latin American politics. She is the recipient of several awards, such as: *El Diario’s Mujeres Destacadas*, Mexico’s Foreign Ministry’s *Mexican American Leader*, and most recently (2020), she was awarded Mexico’s highest recognition granted to individuals who have dedicated their lives to improving the well-being of Mexicans and other Latinos outside its borders, [the Othli Award](#). González-Murphy earned her PhD in comparative politics and in international relations from SUNY at Albany. She holds an MS in urban planning and environmental studies from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BS in political science from Elmira College, graduating *summa cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*. Her book *Protecting Immigrant Rights in Mexico: Understanding the State–Civil Society Nexus*, was re-published by Routledge (June 2015). She is also the author of various papers and book chapters on immigration trends and policies.



### **Kathy Jamil**

United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, Director of Education,

Kathy Jamil is the Director of Education at the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. She chairs the Birth to Eight Coalition for Erie and Niagara Counties, where early childhood agencies convene to assess local needs and develop plans to address gaps in serving the needs of children from prenatal through third grade. Aligned to the overall approach of the United Way,

the coalition work focuses on racial equity and systems change. Kathy also manages multiple federal grants that support the work of establishing community schools, ensuring families and children have access to community resources that support the development of children and families. Prior to her work with the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, she was an elementary school principal for 20 years in private, district, and charter schools. She has started and consulted nonprofit organizations to support children and families for over 20 years, as well as provided professional development for teachers and school leaders at a local and national level.



**Sophia Jan**

Cohen Children’s Medical Center, Division Chief of General Pediatrics

Dr. Jan is the Division Chief of General Pediatrics where she oversees clinical, teaching, and research operations for the Division of General Pediatrics for Cohen Children's Medical Center. She is also the Medical Director of the Health Homes Serving Children Program for Northwell Health, a case management program for pediatric Medicaid beneficiaries with complex medical or behavioral health needs. Dr. Jan has over a decade of clinical, programmatic and research experience in primary care and specializes in the care of children and adults with complex medical needs and intellectual/developmental disabilities.



**Jackie Orr**

New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA), CEO

Jackie worked at NYSCAA as the Director of Operations at NYSCAA from 2010-2016. She left NYSCAA to work for the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) as the CSBG State Assistance Director. During her time with NASCSPP, Jackie worked to assist state offices with their management of Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) responsibilities, helped to organize the new CSBG Annual Report and created tools and resources for state office administrators. Jackie is a Certified Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Master Trainer and has several years of experience in facilitation and training. She has also worked in community-based organizations in the areas of mental health and literacy.



**Carolyn L. Wiggins**

Fort George Community Services, Executive Director/CEO

<http://www.fortgeorgecenter.org>

Carolyn brings over 30 years of experience as an early childhood and higher education administrator to the Head Start Community. She is skilled in nonprofit organizations, event planning, program evaluation, strategic planning and organizational development. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Antioch College and a Master of Education from Antioch College Graduate School of Education in Elementary Education. She holds both New York State Permanent Teacher's Certification and California Community College Instructor's Credential in Early Childhood Education, valid for life. Under Carolyn's leadership she has expanded Fort George from a NYC Head Start Delegate Agency, serving 186 children, to a Direct Head Start/ Early Head Start Grantee serving 422 children. The agency now covers two boroughs and four communities: Washington Heights, West Harlem, and Hamilton Heights in Manhattan and Morrisania in the Bronx. In partnership with NYP Hospital Fort George provides community health workers serving children with chronic health conditions. Carolyn is also a member of NYP/PPS Finance Committee. She is member of South Bronx Rising, the New York City DOE Birth-Five Advisory Group, the National Head Start Association State Leadership Team and the President of the New York State Head Start Association.