



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
At the Center for Children and Youth Justice (CCYJ), we're changing the way young people experience the child welfare and juvenile justice systems—for the better. By listening to young people and working with partners across Washington State, we're helping to redesign our child welfare and juvenile justice systems to meet children and youth's unique needs. Every year we help improve the lives of 50,000 young people.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2021 Q1	\$5,000 to \$7,501

For more information, please read the attached report from Center for Children and Youth Justice.

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**Center for Children & Youth Justice**  
***Project Respect + eQuality Report***  
***Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund***

**Grant and Report Code:** Q1 2021 14.3  
**Organization's URL:** [www.ccyj.org](http://www.ccyj.org)

The Center for Children & Youth Justice is grateful for Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund's support in 2021 for Project Respect + eQuality. Your generous investment is creating a more just and compassionate system to support the thousands of young people who are commercially sexually exploited in Washington State each year, including young people who are LGBTQ+. We are building and sustaining a statewide, coordinated, collaborative, and survivor-centered response to the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). We are pleased to provide an update on CCYJ and our work through Project Respect + eQuality over the past year, thanks to your partnership.

**About CCYJ**

Founded in 2006, CCYJ's mission is to create better lives for generations of children and youth by reforming the child welfare and youth justice systems. CCYJ's programs focus on changing systems to better support Washington State children and youth, ages 0-25, who are involved--or at risk of involvement--in the foster care and the youth justice systems. Youth of color, including Indigenous youth, and youth who identify as LGBTQ+ are disproportionately represented in these systems.

CCYJ is the only statewide organization focused solely on reforming our state's child welfare and youth justice systems. Across our organization, our ultimate goal is to enable our partners and the entire cross-sector, youth-serving system to compassionately, equitably, and effectively serve children and youth who must interact with the youth justice, child welfare, and related systems, and to advocate for evidence-based solutions and policies that keep kids out of the systems when possible.

**Program Updates**

With Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund's investment this year, CCYJ's Project Respect is building and sustaining a statewide, coordinated, and survivor-centered response to the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Washington State. Project Respect fulfills this goal by supporting regional multi-disciplinary task forces and coalitions that address CSEC, hosting an annual conference, providing support to the CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) Statewide Coordinating Committee, and advocating for policy change. Task forces include service providers, advocates, policy makers, courts, law enforcement, educators, and community members.

The high-level outcome we work toward through Project Respect is to: improve the knowledge and skill level of youth serving professionals/professionals who develop and implement policy and procedures that impact youth who are impacted by commercial sexual exploitation and/or youth who are systems-involved and are impacted by discrimination and violence due to their gender identify and/or their sexual orientation.

Due to COVID-19, we could not host our annual CSEC conference or other trainings in person. We successfully shifted to virtual events. This shift to a virtual format allowed for more people to engage with us who otherwise may not have due to geographical limitations, including people from more far-reaching counties like Ferry County and Pend Oreille County.

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Better systems. Better lives.

A significant focus of CCYJ's training this year occurred in the build-up to, and the facilitation of, our annual CSEC Task Force Conference. In the month leading up to the Conference, we hosted a four-week series of virtual workshops, which included the following:

- 110 participants participated in Summer Learning Workshop #1: Building A Toolkit for CSEC Task Forces in Washington State, led by Camille Hakansson (She/Her) Consultant, Maria Mathew (She/Her) Consultant, and Radu Smintina (He/Him) Consultant.
- 97 participants participated in Summer Learning Workshop #2: Oregon's Response to Human Trafficking, led by Amanda Swanson (She/Her) Trafficking Intervention Coordinator, State of Oregon Department of Justice.
- 83 participants participated in Summer Learning Workshop #3: AAPI Youth, Love for Liberation; A Dynamic Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) In Oakland, CA, led by Hamida Yusufzai (Spirit/Goddess), Program Manager, Banteay Srei.
- 98 participants participated in Summer Learning Workshop #4: The Intersection of Opioids and Human Trafficking, led by Emily Waters LCSW, MPA (She/Her).

In September 2021, we hosted our 7th annual CSEC conference virtually, which went exceedingly well! More than 240 people participated in the conference this year. Conference keynote and workshop sessions included the following titles and speakers:

- Keynote Address: Overcome with Community: Lessons from My Lived Experience as an LGBTQ+ Survivor of Domestic Sex Trafficking - Presenter Jose Alfaro (He/Him)
- Workshop: Surviving the Streets of New York: LGBTQI Youth Experiences Engaging in Surviving Sex - Presenter Dr. Meredith Dank, PhD (She/Her), Research Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- Workshop: The Legislative Creation of Permissive Violence: Colonization, Pervasive Equity and the Role of Resiliency of Indigenous Communities - Presenter Karyn Kameroff, MA, MSW, LICSWA (She/Her), Program Coordinator, Pathways to Healing, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Following the conference, and at the request of the participants, we held an additional training led by Karyn Kameroff, to continue the discussion that began at the Task Force conference. This was also well attended, with 117 participants.

We are pleased to share a link to the 2021 CSEC Conference where you can view recordings of presentations, see presentation slides, and more. Also included is the conference packet so you can catch a glimpse! <https://ccyj.org/2021-7th-annual-csec-task-force-conference/>

All of our work provides vital support—including trainings, technical assistance, and a community of practice—for service providers, advocates, policy makers, courts, law enforcement, educators, and the community at large in the Puget Sound region and across Washington. Your support over the past year has helped us meet the needs of thousands of children and young people who are commercially sexually exploited, by equipping agencies and professionals to better identify and serve them through survivor-informed strategies and best practices.

**Thank you for your partnership!**

PROJECT RESPECT'S 2021

# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CSEC Task Force Conference

A four-hour virtual event providing educational opportunities designed to support the building and sustaining of our statewide, coordinated, and victim/survivor-centered response to the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Washington.



# WELCOME

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## ABOUT CCYJ

CCYJ improves the policies that affect children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. We collaborate with and convene a vast network of partners—nonprofit organizations, direct-service providers, health agencies, government entities, community groups, and foster care and youth justice professionals—creating solutions that include all voices and truly place kids’ needs at the forefront.

For more information, please visit [www.ccyj.org](http://www.ccyj.org).

## ABOUT PROJECT RESPECT

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For more information, please contact Lily Cory, Program Coordinator, at [lcory@ccyj.org](mailto:lcory@ccyj.org) or Morgan Silverman, Director of Innovation, at [msilverman@ccyj.org](mailto:msilverman@ccyj.org). You can also visit our website at [www.ccyj.org/our-work/combating-child-sexual-exploitation/](http://www.ccyj.org/our-work/combating-child-sexual-exploitation/).



# AGENDA

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**September 28, 2021**

**9:00 am - 9:15 am  
PDT**

## **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH JUSTICE**

**Rachel Sottile, MS** *(She/Her), President & CEO, CCYJ*

**Morgan Silverman, LICSW** *(She/Her), Director of Innovation, CCYJ*

**9:15 am - 9:25 am  
PDT**

## **SPECIAL WELCOME**

**The Honorable Raquel Montoya-Lewis** *(She/Her), Justice, Washington State Supreme Court*

**9:25 am - 10:25 am  
PDT**

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: OVERCOME WITH COMMUNITY: LESSONS FROM MY LIVED EXPERIENCE AS AN LGBTQ+ SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING**

**Jose Alfaro** *(He/Him)*

**10:25 am - 10:30 am  
PDT**

## **BREAK**

**10:30 am - 10:45 am  
PDT**

## **SPECIAL REMARKS**

**The Honorable Manka Dhingra** *(She/Her), Senator, Washington State Senate (45-LD)*

**The Honorable Tina Orwall** *(She/Her), Representative, Washington State House of Representatives (33-LD)*



# AGENDA

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**September 28, 2021**

**10:45 am - 11:45 am**  
PDT

## **SURVIVING THE STREETS OF NEW YORK: LGBTQI YOUTH EXPERIENCES ENGAGING IN SURVIVING SEX**

**Dr. Meredith Dank, PhD** *(She/Her)*, Research Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

**11:45 am - 11:50 am**  
PDT

## **BREAK**

**11:50 am - 12:50 pm**  
PDT

## **THE LEGISLATIVE CREATION OF PERMISSIVE VIOLENCE: COLONIZATION, PERVASIVE EQUITY AND THE ROLE OF RESILIENCY OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

**Karyn Kameroff, MA, MSW, LICSWA** *(She/Her)*, Program Coordinator, Pathways to Healing, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

**12:50 pm - 1:00 pm**  
PDT

## **CLOSING**

**Morgan Silverman, LICSW** *(She/Her)*, Director of Innovation, CCYJ



# SESSIONS

## SESSION 1



TOPIC

### Surviving the Streets of New York: LGBTQI Youth Experiences Engaging in Surviving Sex

Presented by **Dr. Meredith Dank, PhD** (*She/Her*), Research Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York



WHEN

**September 28, 2021**

**10:45 am - 11:45 am PDT**



REGISTER

**[Click here to register.](#) Registration is required to receive the workshop Zoom links.**



ABOUT

This presentation will focus on LGBTQI youth who become involved in the commercial sex market to meet basic survival needs, describing their experiences with law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and the child welfare system. Interviews with these youth revealed that over 70 percent had been arrested at least once, with many reporting frequent arrest for “quality-of-life” and misdemeanor crimes other than prostitution offenses. Youth described their experiences of being cycled in and out of the justice system as highly disruptive and generating far-reaching collateral consequences ranging from instability in the home and school to inability to pay fines and obtain lawful employment.

Learning Objective: To better understand the experiences of LGBTQI youth engaged in survival sex, particularly their interactions with the criminal and juvenile justice systems and the child welfare system.





## SESSION 2



TOPIC

### The Legislative Creation of Permissive Violence: Colonization, Pervasive Equity and the Role of Resiliency of Indigenous Communities

Presented by Karyn Kameroff (She/Her), Program Coordinator, Pathways to Healing, Cowlitz Indian Tribe



WHEN

September 28, 2021

11:50 am - 12:50 pm PDT



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ABOUT

This presentation will provide a brief overview of legislative policy, Supreme Court decisions and Presidential Executive Orders that created permissive violence against the Indigenous populations in North America. This presentation captures how that permissive violence has created high rates of sex trafficking, poverty, Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and trauma responses. It also intersects with the high rates of Murdered and Missing Indigenous People and why equity is so important when developing policy at both state and federal levels. This presentation will wrap up with a look at how cultural healing and equitable access to resources has a role in resiliency, hope and recognition of connectedness.

Learning Objectives:

1. Gain knowledge of how legislation, Supreme Court decisions and Presidential Executive Orders created permissive violence
2. Make connections between the intersectionality of sex trafficking, Murdered and Missing Indigenous People and the importance of equity
3. Gain a deeper understanding of how cultural healing and resources have a role in resiliency



# KEYNOTE



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Jose Alfaro

*(He/Him)*

Jose is a Human Trafficking Survivor, Public Speaker, Author, Advocate and Activist. He has worked with several anti-human trafficking organizations around the globe, to spread awareness on trafficking, specifically within the LGBTQ+ Community. He is currently working on a memoir depicting his own personal experiences with trafficking. He has been featured in several publications from NPR to Greater Blue Hill news and has worked with law enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Justice to name a few. His work includes public speaking and giving lectures, sharing his story and statistics of human trafficking.



# SPEAKER BIOS



**Karyn Kameroff, MA, MSW, LICSWA** *(She/Her)*

**Program Coordinator, Pathways to Healing, Cowlitz Indian Tribe**

Karyn Kameroff, MA, MSW, LICSWA, is an enrolled citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. She is the Program Coordinator for the Cowlitz Tribe's Pathways to Healing Program and a Child Abuse Specialist for CARES Northwest. Karyn serves on the Local Indian Child Welfare Advisory Committee with the Department of Children, Youth and Families, Clark County Action Advisory Board, Interstate Bridge Replacement Equity Advisory Group, Access to Justice Equity Advisory Board, Healthy Living Collaborative Policy Committee, and others that center on equity. Karyn's work experience includes therapeutic groups with adolescent sex offenders, Indian Child Welfare Social Work, Co-Occurring Treatment case manager, clinical supervisor for adolescent treatment in a juvenile drug court and domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, stalking and elder abuse services for Indigenous community members. Karyn is currently working towards Clinical Social Work licensure and is preparing to become a doctoral candidate in 2022.



**The Honorable Manka Dhingra** *(She/Her)*

**Senator, Washington State Senate (45-LD)**

Manka Dhingra is Deputy Majority Leader of the Washington State Senate. She brings two decades of experience as a prosecutor and behavioral health expert to her roles as Chair of the Senate Behavioral Health Subcommittee and Vice Chair of the Senate Law & Justice Committee. She also serves on the Ways & Means Committee.

Dhingra was first elected to the Senate by the constituents of the 45th Legislative District in November 2017, the first Sikh legislator elected in the nation. Since then, she has sponsored and passed legislation addressing a wide range of issue areas, including: curbing domestic violence and sexual assault, preventing firearm violence, providing property tax relief for seniors and people with disabilities, prosecuting financial fraud, and reforming the criminal justice system with an evidence-based approach.

During her time in the Senate, Dhingra has helped pass legislation and funding to transform the Washington State behavioral health system, reorienting it around prevention rather than crisis response. She continues to strive to ensure that Washingtonians with behavioral health needs get the treatment they need and deserve.



## **Dr. Meredith Dank, PhD** *(She/Her)*

**Research Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York**

Dr. Meredith Dank, PhD, is a Research Professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City and a nationally recognized expert on human trafficking. She has served as principal investigator for nearly two dozen human trafficking studies, funded by both federal agencies (including the Department of Justice, US Department of State, Department of Health and Human Services, among others) and private foundations. She has an extensive and nuanced understanding of labor trafficking and has numerous current projects focused on this topic, both in the United States and overseas, that range in focus from law enforcement response to sector-specific issues. Experienced with a range of analytic methodologies, Dr. Dank has conducted research in over a dozen countries, including India, Nepal, Vietnam, Uganda, Belize, Cambodia, Brazil and the Philippines. She has also participated in a number of federal-level stakeholder meetings on trafficking, including a White House stakeholder meeting on victim services for survivors. She holds a Ph.D. in criminal justice from John Jay College. She is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles as well as *The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children* (LFB Publishing, 2011).



## **The Honorable Raquel Montoya-Lewis** *(She/Her)* **Justice, Washington State Supreme Court**

Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court by Governor Jay Inslee in December 2019 and took the oath of office on January 6, 2020. Justice Montoya-Lewis is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Isleta and a descendant of the Pueblo of Laguna, two federally recognized tribes in New Mexico. She is the first enrolled member of any tribe to sit on a state supreme court in the U.S. and the second Native American to sit on a state supreme court. She is also of Jewish descent. Prior to becoming an Associate Justice, she served as a Superior Court judge for Whatcom County for five years, where she heard criminal and civil trials and presided over the Whatcom County Therapeutic Drug Court. In the 15 years prior to her work on the Superior Court, she served as a tribal court judge for multiple tribes in the Pacific Northwest and the Southwest. She served as Chief Judge for the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, the Nooksack Indian Tribe, and the Lummi Nation. In addition to her work as a tribal court judge, she was a tenured Associate Professor at Western Washington University's Fairhaven College where she taught law-related courses and courses on cultural identity development. She has continued to use her teaching skills as a jurist, teaching a wide variety of audiences including judges, social workers, lawyers, and advocates on implicit bias, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and best practices in child welfare and domestic violence cases. Justice Montoya-Lewis graduated with her BA degree from the University of New Mexico in 1992 and completed her law degree and Master of Social Work degree at the University of Washington in 1995 and 1996 respectively.



**The Honorable Tina Orwall** *(She/Her)*

**Representative, Washington State House of Representatives  
(33-LD)**

Tina has represented the 33rd Legislative District since 2009. Rape kit reform, suicide prevention, anti-trafficking, the Foreclosure Fairness Act, compensation for those wrongly convicted, and adoptee rights are among her legislative accomplishments.

Tina has worked with all levels of government to help embrace best practices to better serve the community. Her 20 years of experience working in the public mental health system, as well as her expertise in strategic planning in workforce development and affordable housing have established her as a valued legislator and community leader.

Tina is an active member of the Des Moines Rotary Club and Kent Chamber of Commerce. She serves on the boards of Judson Park retirement community in Des Moines and the United Way of King County Impact Council.



# CONFERENCE HOSTS

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