

## Family Justice Center Summit Presenter Biographies

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**Jenny Aszman, LMSW**

**Jenny Aszman**, LMSW is a social worker, program manager, and community builder focused on enhancing community responses to domestic and interpersonal violence. Jenny has served as the Statewide Family Justice Center Coordinator for the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council since 2020 and provides training and technical assistance to developing Family Justice Centers throughout the state. Previously, Jenny worked at the Georgia Commission on Family Violence (2012-2020) as the Program Manager at the Georgia Commission on Family Violence where she supported the success of several statewide initiatives and multidisciplinary training programs. She also coordinated the Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project at the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

Jenny earned her Master of Social Work specializing in community partnerships from Georgia State University and dual Bachelor's Degrees in Social Work and Women's Studies from the University of Georgia. Jenny is a Georgia Women's Policy Institute fellowship alum and a recipient of an Inspiration Award given by Health Magazine. She has provided training for the National Organization for Victim Assistance, the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, the Battered Women's Justice Project, the Georgia Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and Georgia's Statewide Annual Family Violence Conference.

Jenny Aszman is a Part-Time Instructor in the School of Social Work for the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University.



**TaNesha McAuley**

**TaNesha McAuley** brings over 18 years of professional experience in the areas of Public Safety, Behavioral Health, and Mental Health. She started her career with the Chapel Hill Police Department as a Program Administrator and Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist, focusing on at-risk youth and teens. Upon her relocation to Atlanta, Ms. McAuley served in the Administrative Office of the Courts where she was pivotal in developing Georgia's first certification and peer review tool for the Adult Accountability Court Programs. Tanesha went on to lead the largest Drug Treatment Court & Mental Health programs in Georgia with the Fulton County Superior Court as the first Deputy Director and then was appointed to Director.

TaNesha was selected to join the 2021-2022 class of the Georgia Women's Policy Institute (GWPI) to learn how to develop and support real world policy proposals that improve the lives of women and girls in Georgia. Ms. McAuley currently serves as the Family Justice Center Site Coordinator with the District Attorney's Office of Cobb County that will serve victims and families of domestic and interpersonal family violence.

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Ms. McAuley earned both her bachelor's and master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration with a concentration in Correctional Counseling. Ms. McAuley enrolled in Liberty University's Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) program in which she plans to focus on economic development and equality reform efforts in marginalized communities.



**Heather M. Flowers**

**Heather M. Flowers** is a native of Waycross, Georgia. She attended and graduated from Waycross College (Associates of Applied Science Degree of Business Administration) in 2004. Ms. Flowers was employed with Georgia Department of Corrections, Probation Division in Waycross, Georgia from 1999 until 2004 in the Administrative/Accounting Department. After she graduated in May 2004, she was promoted to Probation Officer where she went on to work with Specialized Cases which included Intensive Level Probationers and Sex Offenders. In March 2005, Ms. Flowers became the Department Director of Ware County Probation Office, then in June 2009 she took the position of Probation Officer with Satilla Probation Management Services. She worked her way up to Chief Probation Officer. In September 2015, Ms. Flowers went on to become the Fatherhood Agent (contract position) with Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Services. In August 2016, she was promoted to the Parental Accountability Court Coordinator with the Waycross Judicial Circuit. This was a new accountability court program to the Waycross Judicial Circuit.

In July 2020, Ms. Flowers became the Legal Advocate with Magnolia House. She then was promoted to Family Justice Center Site Coordinator in November 2020.

Ms. Flowers brings with her twenty plus years of experience with court services, victim services, offender services, and collaborating with community partners. During her professional career, she has been active in civic and community activities. She is currently a member of the Waycross Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Task Force.

**Sarah Schanck** is the Site Coordinator for the Family Justice Center of Macon at Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia. A native of DeLand, Florida, Sarah has lived in her adopted hometown of Macon for almost two decades. She is passionate about community transformation through addressing big issues with big solutions. Sarah has over 15 years of experience in community relations, fundraising, strategic planning, and project implementation.

Prior to joining Crisis Line & Safe House, Sarah most recently worked at Mercer University School of Medicine in the areas of student research and career counseling and at Wesleyan College leading the institution's quality enhancement plan.

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Sarah Schanck

Sarah obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration in Non-Profit Management and Marketing from Mercer University and a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration from Georgia Southern University. She is the President of the Career Women's Network of Macon and a Volunteer Wish Granter for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia.