

SPEAKERS



JONATHAN KING, Founder, Halcyon Consulting

Jonathan King is the founder of Halcyon Consulting, an economic and performance consulting firm. In Mr. King's 20-year consulting experience, he's worked with hundreds of clients on topics ranging from the cost of providing quality child care to cost and production models for shellfish. He currently serves on the **thread** Board of Directors.

JIM CALVIN, Principal, McDowell Group

Jim Calvin is Co-owner and Principal of McDowell Group, Inc. McDowell Group conducts economic impact and cost/benefit analysis, market research and business feasibility studies, survey research, needs assessments, and program evaluations.

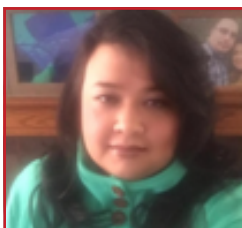


TREVOR STORRS, President and CEO, Alaska Children's Trust

Trevor Storrs has served as the President and CEO of the Alaska Children's Trust since 2012 and is Board President for the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds, as well as various grassroots efforts focused on equal rights.

STACY AMMERMAN, Human Resource Manager, Credit Union 1

Stacy Ammerman is the Human Resources Manager at Credit Union 1. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management while raising her three children as a single parent. Stacy is an advocate for young professionals and serves on a community board.

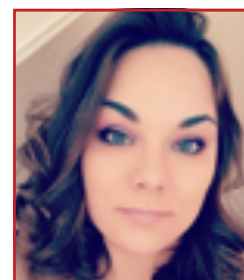


ANNA CASTILLO, Learning Center Site Manager, Credit Union 1

Anna Castillo is the Credit Union 1 Learning Center Site Manager. She has worked in the early childhood field for more than 27 years and holds a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education Human Services. She is an advocate for young children.

CASSIE MAGWIRE, Member Services Support Manager and learning center parent, Credit Union 1

In her role as Member Services Support Manager, Cassie is responsible for the daily operations of all Credit Union 1 branches. Among her most rewarding accomplishments was receiving the 2017 Branch Manager of the Year award.



LAURA FALLSGRAFF, Co-Producer and Director of Engagement, Kindling Group

Laura Fallsgraff leads strategy and impact for Kindling Group's feature films and digital campaigns. She recently premiered her directorial debut, *The 39th*, a short about a grassroots political campaign in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago.

RACHEL GIANNINI, Featured Teacher

Rachel Giannini is a childhood specialist, an early childhood advocate, and a video blog host. She is currently the writer, director, and on screen talent for a series of video blogs for the Chicago Children's Museum and feature length documentary, *No Small Matter*.





CHRISTINE ALEXANDER, Director of Workforce Development, Johns Hopkins IDEALS Institute

Christine Alexander, EdS., is IDEALS Institute’s Director of Workforce Development at the Johns Hopkins University School of Education. Christine received her B.S. degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University and M.A. and EdS. degrees in Early Childhood Special Education from The George Washington University.

LIENY JEON Ph.D., Director of Research, Johns Hopkins IDEALS Institute

Lieny Jeon, Ph.D., is IDEALS Institute’s Director of Research and an Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Education. Dr. Jeon received her Ph.D. degree in Human Development and Family Science with a Ph.D. minor in Quantitative Methods at Ohio State University. She completed her post-doctoral training in the Department of Defense Child Development Virtual Laboratory School at Ohio State University. She has been leading research on Quality Rating and Improvement Systems in Ohio and Maryland.



TONJA RUCKER Ph.D., Program Director for Early Childhood Success in the Institute for Youth and Families at the National League of Cities

Currently serves as the Program Director for Early Childhood Success in the Institute for Youth Education and Families at the National League of Cities. She serves on a variety of boards and committees, supporting and advising national and local work for young children. She has a doctorate in Human Development from the University of Maryland College Park and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Spelman College.

Alaska State Representative ZACH FIELDS

Prior to working in the legislature, Zack Fields was Workforce Development Coordinator for the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, an outdoors writer, a labor organizer, and a legislative staffer. Zack Fields and his wife Khalial live in South Addition with their daughter.



Honorable Mayor BETH WELDON, City and Borough of Juneau

Mayor Weldon recognized the child care challenges faced by young families in her home community of Juneau and initiated a task force to explore what role municipal government should have in supporting child care in the community. Beth is a graduate of Juneau-Douglas High School and the University of Washington where she received a BS in Fisheries.

ROBERT BARR, Library Director, City and Borough of Juneau

Robert leads the public libraries and museum in Juneau, Alaska. Robert has served as city staff to an Assembly committee on child care, and is currently working with city staff and child care professionals to offer the Juneau Assembly a range of options to address the need for increased child care capacity in Juneau.



MARGO FLISS, Manager of Strategic Engagement, University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED)

Fliess leads facilitation, strategic planning, and client services for CED, as well as the Upstart Internship program. Margo holds a Master of Public Policy from Mills College and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She earned her “Foundations in Design Thinking” certification from IDEO in 2018, and currently serves on the boards of the University Economic Development Association and [thread](#).

STACY WEITZNER, Graphic Recorder

Stacy Weitzner works with individuals and organizations to apply the power of visual and game-based innovation thinking in ways that best support their goals for gathering; including workshops, interactive installations, agenda/event development, and a general positive, productive vibe.

