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Sonia Meyer, JD, serves as an Associate Counsel within the Child Welfare Legal Services Bureau of the Legal Division of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). With previous experience in New York State Government and private practice, she is able to see issues from varying perspectives and understand the nature of collaborative work from many lenses. Sonia currently serves as the co-representative of cross-systems projects with the New York State Unified Court System's Child Welfare Court Improvement Project as well as providing legal support to many child welfare initiatives within OCFS. Those initiatives previously included Child Abuse and Maltreatment, assistance to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment, administrative reviews of child abuse and maltreatment reports, Child Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary teams, but now include human trafficking, preventive services, child abuse/maltreatment in care, foster care, and adoption, Title IV-E State Plan administration, claiming, legal assistance to budgetary and rate setting areas, among others. Sonia also serves as the agency representative and litigation liaison to the Office of the Attorney General on class action and other related programmatic matters.

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Barbara Green-Flood, MS CASAC-T Barbara has more than a decade of experience in working with adolescents and adults in the area of substance abuse. She is a certified drug counselor and spent seven years managing a drug treatment facility. Barbara currently works as a Regional Adoption Specialist/Trainer for the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and is based in their Spring Valley office.