



Virginia Juvenile Justice Association Valley District Elections 2021

Valley District Members: In accordance with the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) Bylaws, the following members have been nominated to hold office in the Valley district for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2022. Please vote for one candidate per office (space will be provided for write-in candidates). Voting will be on-line and available December 1 – December 15, 2021. Thank you for participating in the election process.

Amy Darby, Valley District 2021 Election Officer

MEET THE CANDIDATES



Candidate for Chair

CHRISTA GALLEO
Probation Supervisor
DJJ – 16th District Court Service Unit
Charlottesville, VA

Christa Galleo is an active member of VJJA's Valley District Chapter and currently serves as District Chair. In July 2012, to combine her passion for justice with her love of working with children and families, Christa began working for the 16th District Court Service Unit, serving the City of Charlottesville and surrounding counties, as a Probation Officer. She quickly moved through the ranks from Probation Officer to Senior Probation Officer to her current role as Probation Supervisor. Christa chairs DJJ's Central Region Re-Entry Workgroup and Co-Chairs the DJJ Leadership Network Committee and the DJJ Leadership Network's Mentorship Program. Prior to working for DJJ, Christa worked as a Counselor for the Virginia Department of Corrections and facilitated life skills groups in a Therapeutic Community. From 2008-2012, Christa worked for the Roanoke Department of Social Services as a Foster Care Social Worker, where she became an approved facilitator for family partnership meetings and was named the 2012 Social Worker of the Year. Christa holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Bluefield College and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice-Forensic Psychology from Liberty University. She also graduated from DJJ's Justice Transformation Institute (JTI) and has earned an Executive Certificate in Transforming Juvenile Probation from Georgetown University.



Candidate for Vice Chair

ALEXANDRIA TISDALE
Probation Supervisor
DJJ – 16th District Court Service Unit
Charlottesville, VA

Alexandria "Alex" Tisdale is a member of VJJA's Valley District Chapter and is seeking election as a District Officer for the first time. Alexandria began her journey with the Department of Juvenile Justice as an intern for the 14th District Court Service Unit in Henrico. During her internship, she learned about the justice system and services offered to at risk youth and quickly fell in love with working with children and their families. In 2015, Alexandria began working with the 16th District Court Service Unit (Charlottesville and surrounding counties) as a Probation/Parole Officer. Alexandria has made it her commitment to dedicate her time to the families and youth she serves as an advocate, role model, and a "second chance" to many young adults. Alexandria has earned many awards and certificates and been recognized for outstanding contributions to her organization, displaying exceptional teamwork, and accepting additional duties when needed. In September 2021, Alexandria was promoted to Probation Supervisor and now serves Goochland, Louisa and Fluvanna County. Alexandria graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a concentration in crime scene investigations. In her spare time, Alexandria enjoys cooking, spending time with family and friends and doing hair. She also has a self-described quirky interest in watching ASMR videos.



Candidate for Secretary

TERESA BOUTHILLIER
Marketing Manager
Childhelp
Staunton, VA

Teresa Bouthillier has been an active member of VJJA's Valley District Chapter for more than 15 years. She has served three terms as District Secretary and has helped to plan district events. Over the course of the last 27 years, Teresa has served in a variety of capacities in the human services and mental health fields. First as an intern and later as an employee, Teresa's initial job experience was providing direct care to residents at The DeJarnette Center for Human Development, a residential acute care facility for children. Located in Staunton. In 2001, the facility was renamed the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA). Teresa has also worked as a Foster Care Social Worker for Staunton / Augusta County Department of Social Services, as a Regional Coordinator and Director for Family Preservation Services, and as a Program Manager for Intensive in-home for Intercept Youth Services (now Intercept Health). Presently, Teresa is employed as the Marketing Manager at The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp, a private, nonprofit, psychiatric residential treatment facility located on a 270-acre horse farm in Northern Virginia. Teresa graduated from James Madison University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Teresa and her husband Bryan love traveling and particularly beach travel. Together with their beloved fur baby Bella, they make their home in Staunton.



Candidate for Treasurer

MIKE NEILSON
Probation Officer
DJJ – 25th District Court Service Unit
Staunton, VA

Mike Neilson is a member of VJJA's Valley District Chapter and is seeking election as a District Officer for the first time. Mike has more than 9 years experience working in the juvenile justice and human services fields. Currently, Mike is a Probation Officer with the 25th District Court Service Unit in Staunton. Within that role, Mike enjoys getting to know kids and families as well as working closely with community partners. Previously, Mike was employed as a Shift Supervisor by the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center, a commission-owned detention facility that serves the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, and Rockingham, and the cities of Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, and Waynesboro. He is also a former Youth Director with the Reston Presbyterian Church and completed an internship at Sharptop Cove, a YoungLife Camp in Jasper, Georgia. Mike attended the University of North Florida where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. When not working, Mike enjoys officiating football and basketball, golfing (poorly), smoking meats and spending time with his family. He is also fanatical about Florida State University football – Go Seminoles! Originally from Winter Springs, Florida, Mike now makes his home in Staunton with his wife, Sarah, 6 year old son, Porter, a kindergartener, and a puggle, named Bacon (because everything is better with Bacon).