

Faculty Biographies

Barb Dexter, Presenter. Barb has worked with the Anchorage School District's Child In Transition/Homeless Project since 1993 as the Secondary Teacher Specialist. She began her career as a social worker in Oregon and continues to work with children and youth in the child welfare system as well as youth experiencing homelessness in the Anchorage, Alaska community. She has provided trainings at the national, state and local level on unaccompanied youth, homeless children and youth in the child welfare system, migrant and homeless youth, and statewide trainings for school district liaisons on McKinney-Vento legislation

Amanda Metivier, Presenter. Amanda is the Coordinator of the Non-Profit Facing Foster Care in Alaska, and current Youth Education Coordinator at the Child Welfare Academy. She is an alumnus of the foster care system and holds a Master's degree in Social Work. Amanda has worked as an advocate for child welfare reform since 2003, and has a passion for issues related to education and older youth in foster care. Amanda has presented at numerous conferences, trainings, and events throughout the state and country in an effort to amplify the voices of current and former foster youth and promote change.