

**Paterson Funders Affinity Group  
Improving Human Health and Communities Through Preventing and  
Healing from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)  
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**Speaker Bios**  
(In order of speaking appearance)

**Kim Boller**

Former Chief Strategy and Evaluation Officer and Executive Director  
The Nicholson Foundation

Kim Boller, a former CNJG trustee, served as the Chief Strategy and Evaluation Officer and Executive Director at The Nicholson Foundation, leading its December 2021 planned spend down. She coordinated the Foundation's early childhood and health portfolios and worked with the team internally and with foundation and government partners on implementation of the New Jersey ACEs Collaborative initiatives. Kim has more than 25 years of experience conducting policy and program evaluations for government and foundations. She has studied early childhood systems in more than 10 countries. Her work has focused on the effects of child care and early education initiatives, parenting programs, and policy on children and families. Kim has a strong interest in equity and strategies designed to reduce gaps in children's well-being and served on CNJG's Racial Equity Taskforce. Before joining the Foundation, Kim was a Senior Fellow at Mathematica. She has a Ph.D. in Developmental and Cognitive Psychology from Rutgers and is currently an adjunct instructor at the Rutgers School of Public Health.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OOR

Dave Ellis is a national leader in providing trainings and facilitating conversations on the lasting impacts of ACEs and generational trauma. He shares his expertise with the State of New Jersey and coordinates statewide work related to ACE's.

"Every day, as public servants, we ask people to share their needs but not their stories. I used to talk about meeting people where they're at. In reality, I want to meet people where they dream. We must hear their stories. It's in that space between stories and dreams that we share our humanity, concern and care."  
- Dave Ellis



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# DAVE ELLIS

New Jersey Office of Resilience

## GET TO KNOW DAVE:

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- Founding Executive Director, NJ Office of Resilience
- National leader on the lasting impacts of ACEs and generational trauma
- Coordinates statewide efforts to prevent, protect against, and heal from the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Facilitated community dialogues and public-private partnerships to promote wellbeing across Minneapolis
- Lead trainer and facilitator on ACEs with the New Jersey Education Association

## **Alisha De Lorenzo**

Founding Owner

Living Yes, LLC and The Living Yes Foundation

Alisha De Lorenzo MS, NCC, LPC is the Founding Owner of Living YES, LLC and The Living YES Foundation. Created from her passion and commitment to education, social justice, mental health and contemplative practices, Alisha takes a healing-centered approach to systematically address individual and collective trauma and build the emotional literacy of all members of the school, family and community. Alisha received her Baccalaureate degree in Movement Sciences and Education and has worked in public education as a teacher and Student Assistance Counselor for almost 20 years. Most recently, she served as New Jersey's first Social Emotional Learning Coordinator designing and implementing an "Integrative Education" model. She received her Masters degree in Psychological Counseling from Monmouth University, NJ and has been trained in an integrative mental health model. She uses conventional and complementary approaches through a body-centered lens to help clients access physical, emotional and spiritual freedom. Identity and healing are centered on the therapeutic journey rather than left to the margins. Alisha is currently the Interim Deputy Director for Garden State Equality, NJ's largest LGBTQ+ advocacy organization. In addition, she has been trained in the Baptiste methodology and is certified in kids yoga through the Baptiste Institute.



## **Mark Dinglasan**

Executive Director

CUMAC

Mark Dinglasan, MBA – Mr. Dinglasan is currently the executive director of CUMAC, the largest anti-hunger organization in Passaic County. CUMAC's mission is to fight hunger and its root causes through a holistic, trauma-informed approach that provides groceries and basic necessities to families and individuals in need. Mr. Dinglasan was the Executive Director of CASA of Cook County before coming to CUMAC. Prior to joining CASA, he led national corporate development and fundraising at JTB – A Pipeline Organization, the foundation started by The Honorable Ann Claire Williams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. With more than 18 years of experience in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors, Mr. Dinglasan has led teams in the areas of youth development, program management, sales, fundraising & strategic planning. He received his MBA from DePaul University's Kellstadt Graduate School of Business. In his spare time, Mr. Dinglasan is a marathon coach, youth mentor, and church volunteer. Mr. Dinglasan is also a certified master trainer for ACE Interface, the organization led by Dr. Rob Anda and Laura Porter.

Mr. Dinglasan graduated Magna Cum Laude from Monmouth University and was accepted into New York Law School. Shortly after starting law school, he decided to become a lay mission worker building homes in the slums in the Philippines and leading youth programs in the United States. This led him to a career that spanned the corporate and nonprofit sectors in Chicago. Upon deciding to move back to New Jersey in late 2016, he immediately began searching for an organization with whom he shared similar values and beliefs. This search led him to CUMAC where he is leading an ambitious organizational strategy to bring self healing community models to New Jersey through efforts dedicated to food justice rather than emergency food relief.