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Advancing diverse young leaders to strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation.



Class of 2008-2010

Jermaine Brayboy

Board of Childcare, Baltimore

Jermaine has an MSW from Delaware State University. He has worked as a Residential Manager with adults, an Assistant Teen Director, a Case Manager for families and youth in foster care, and in other direct service programs for children and families in need. Jermaine serves in the Semi-Independent Living program at the Board of Childcare in Baltimore, where he provides direct services and treatment plans for older teen and young adult males.

Robyn Ellis

Board of Childcare, Baltimore

Robyn holds a B.A. in University Studies from Illinois State University. She has served as Children's Program Coordinator for the Center for Women in Transition and Mental Health Technician at Pavilion

Behavior Systems. Robyn also serves in the Girls Shelter program at the Board of Childcare in Baltimore, where she provides direct services and treatment plans with young girls.

Meghan Jenkins

Childrens Home and Aid, Chicago

Meghan holds a B.A. in Social Work and Psychology from the University of Iowa, where she did her practicum at the University of Iowa Hospital in the neo-natal intensive care unit. During college, she worked as a Group Leader for Social Work Processes and as a Crisis Intervention Program Volunteer. Meghan serves as a residential counselor at the Ava Rice Center at Children's Home and Aid in Chicago, where she provides a consistent therapeutic environment for emotionally disturbed children.

Rebekah Johnson

Lutheran Social Services, Milwaukee

Rebekah holds a B.A. in French and Social Work from Luther College. She has spent the past two years as a Peace Corps Rural Health Educator in Senegal. Rebekah serves as a Community Services Professional for the Refugee Resettlement Program at Lutheran Social Services in Milwaukee, where she works to connect social groups and churches with immigrant families, and then educate them on the refugee sponsorship program.

Vera Junge

Childrens Home and Aid, Chicago

Vera holds a BS in Environmental Studies from Lesley University. Vera has worked as an environmental studies teacher at Orange County Outdoor Science School and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, and as a teaching



assistant and substitute teacher at a preschool. Vera serves as a residential counselor at the Ava Rice Center at Childrens Home and Aid in Chicago, where she provides a consistent therapeutic environment for emotionally disturbed children.

Samantha Loo

Childrens Home and Aid, Chicago

Samantha holds a BA in Gender Studies from Indiana University. Her work experience includes serving as a Peer Advisor at the Career Development Center at the University, and as a Case Support Intern for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Samantha serves as a residential counselor at the Ava Rice Center at Children's Home and Aid in Chicago, where she provides a consistent therapeutic environment for emotionally disturbed children.

Kelley MacDonald

Lutheran Social Services, Milwaukee

Kelley holds a BA in Social Welfare and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin. Her work experience includes serving as Case Worker and Mentor for La Causa in Milwaukee, and as a Foster Care Social Worker for the City of Petersburg, VA. Kelley also holds a Graduate Certificate in Women in Politics and Public Policy from the University of Massachusetts. Kelley serves at Lutheran Social Services Urban Ministries Program in Milwaukee, where she works to increase programming in local communities using an Asset-Based Community Development model.

Kara Moore

La Casa de Esperanza, Milwaukee

Kara holds a BS in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin. Her work experience includes serving as Education Coordinator at the Dane County Humane Society, and as an Environmental Enrichment Technician at the Harlow Center for

Biological Psychology. Kara serves as Volunteer Resource Manager at La Casa de Esperanza in Milwaukee, where she coordinates the recruitment, placement, training and supervision of volunteers.

Elaine Pollack

Board of Childcare, Baltimore

Elaine holds a BS in Family Studies and Community Development from Towson University. She has served as an intern with the Pregnancy Center North and Baltimore Mediation. She also volunteers at several local agencies in Baltimore. Elaine serves in the Girls Shelter program at the Board of Childcare in Baltimore, where she provides direct services and treatment plans with young girls.

Kevin Solarte

Lutheran Social Services, Milwaukee

Kevin holds a BSW in from Illinois State University. His work experience includes time as a Community Connection Intern at the Mental Health Center of Champaign County, and as a Substitute Special Services Assistant at the Barrington Community Unit School District. Kevin spent time in Uganda attending the School for International Training. Kevin serves at Lutheran Social Services Urban Ministries Program in Milwaukee, where he works to increase programming in local communities using an Asset-Based Community Development model.

Turning the Tide is a partnership between Public Allies and the Alliance for Children and Families. Our goal is to attract and retain the next generation of leaders for the Human Service sector, through a two year fellowship for promising young talent to explore careers in the human services field.

Fellows are part of an AmeriCorps Professional Corps, and are placed in small cohorts at Alliance agencies throughout the country. Fellows gain experience in front line human service jobs, while receiving leadership development, coaching, access to professional networks, certification, and other career benefits.

Agencies gain a commitment from young people to remain at their agencies for the two-year period, as well as support and guidance in retaining a younger generation to their field of service.

