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## **Financing and Sustaining Youth Programs Webinar:**

### ***Effective Investments in Positive Youth Development: Implications of Research and Practice***

**October 13, 2009 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (ET)**

### **Speaker Biographies**

#### **Torey Silloway, Senior Program Associate, The Finance Project.**

Torey Silloway is Senior Program Associate with The Finance Project and works primarily within the Child and Family Services Practice Group, conducting policy research, providing technical assistance and developing policy tools to help leaders plan and implement sustainable financing strategies. Prior to joining The Finance Project, he worked for three years with the Annie E Casey Strategic Consulting Group, providing management consulting to leaders around systems reform in the areas of child welfare and child care. In addition, Mr. Silloway worked as a budget and policy analyst with the Maryland Department of Budget and Management, providing analysis of state agency budgets and program performance. Mr. Silloway has a Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown University.

#### **Elizabeth Gaines, State and Local Policy Director, Forum for Youth Investment.**

Elizabeth Gaines is the State and Local Policy Director at the Forum for Youth Investment where she oversees the Forum's work related to state and local policy and manages various national partnerships and networks of legislators, advocates and youth councils. She is the Forum's primary contact for their partnership with the National Conference of State Legislatures. Ms. Gaines joined the Forum in 2005. In her four years at the Forum she has focused on building the Forum's relationships with both executive and legislative policy makers interested in improving youth policy. She has co-authored the YOUTH COUNT report, the *Adding It Up Guide to Mapping Public Resources for Children, Youth and Families* and the series on *State Children's Cabinets and Councils: Getting Results for Children and Youth*.

Before coming to the Forum, Ms. Gaines served as the volunteer coordinator for America Coming Together in Missouri. Prior to that work, she was the youth policy analyst for Citizens for Missouri's Children (CMC), a child and youth advocacy organization. She lobbied extensively and convened a youth development network that made significant headway in creating systems change in the state of Missouri. While at CMC, she also authored the *Missouri Youth Development Policy Handbook* and contributed to an amicus brief, petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the Juvenile Death Penalty. Ms. Gaines also led the "Invest in Missouri's Children"

Campaign, which secured tobacco settlement dollars for early childhood and youth development. Ms. Gaines has made advocating for youth the focus of much of her career, beginning with direct service efforts in community-based youth programs and advocacy work on the state and federal level.

**Carol Behrer, Executive Director, Youth Policy Institute of Iowa**

Carol Behrer is Executive Director of the Youth Policy Institute of Iowa (YPII), a state-level intermediary organization focused on improving youth policy and practice. Ms. Behrer works extensively with state government and youth-serving organizations in Iowa on policy and program development, coordination, quality assurance, evaluation and training. Ms. Behrer has more than 25 years experience in state and federal policy arenas and was instrumental in forming the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development nearly 10 years ago.

Prior to returning to her home state of Iowa, Ms. Behrer lived and worked in the Washington, DC area, serving as Associate Commissioner of the Family and Youth Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as a senior legislative associate with the U.S. House of Representatives Education and Labor Committee, and as a legislative assistant to Iowa Congressman Tom Tauke. Ms. Behrer earned her BA at the University of Northern Iowa and an MA in Legislative Affairs at George Washington University.

**Diana C. Hall, Program Supervisor, Department of County Human Services  
Multnomah County, Oregon**

Diana Hall holds the position of Program Supervisor in the SUN Service System, a division within Multnomah County's Department of County Human Services. In this capacity, she provides oversight for the System's program development staff, supports policy development and serves as Technical Assistance and Program Development Coordinator for the SUN Community Schools initiative.

Ms. Hall has worked in the nonprofit and public sectors for 17 years. Ten of those have been spent working with community school coordinators, non-profits, school principals, school district leaders, parents and governments to support the development full-service schools in 58 school sites in Multnomah County. She also provides training and technical assistance to other communities locally and nationally. She has worked in paid and volunteer capacities teaching at public schools and community recreation centers for over a decade. Ms. Hall holds a Masters in Education from Portland State University and received her undergraduate degree from Reed College.