

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
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PARTICIPANT BIOS**

**MARION BATAYTE
PARENT POSSIBLE, DENVER, COLORADO**



Marion Batayte is the deputy director at Parent Possible in Denver, Colorado. The organization works with sites in urban and rural communities across the state to deliver high quality, proven parent engagement programs for families with young children (birth to six). Marion has served the early childhood community in Colorado for over 16 years, working in a leadership position at Parent Possible since 2012. As deputy director she is primarily responsible for overseeing program operation, compliance, and evaluation, and contributing to the overall development and strategic initiatives for Colorado's Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, Parents as Teachers, and Vroom programs.

Prior to joining Parent Possible, Marion was director of operations at Bright By Three, where she spent ten years advancing the quality and effectiveness of home visitation programs. Before moving into parent engagement, Marion worked for the Colorado Department of Corrections, Gemini Shelter, and HEAR NOW.

She earned her B.S. in psychology from the University of Colorado Boulder, and has an A.S. in American Sign Language interpretation.

Ms. Batayte will be hosted by Save the Children in Kunming, Yunnan.

**KIMBERLY DAY
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE, WASHINGTON, D.C.**



Kimberly Day is the deputy director of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) where she directs operations and is highly involved in the national child welfare public policy arena. Prior to her tenure at NCA, she coordinated efforts of the National Coalition to End Child Abuse Deaths in Washington, D.C. There she developed and facilitated the child welfare policy work of the Coalition by conducting non-partisan outreach efforts, enlisting Congress, the executive branch and members of the media to draw attention to and prevent child abuse fatalities through the Protect Our Kids Act.

Ms. Day has more than 20 years of experience working in the child welfare arena including more than 15 years in management and leadership at every level of the child welfare system (local, state, and national). She has worked in a variety of child welfare settings and with varying populations including child protective services, foster care, and special needs children. She also has extensive experience in developing and

implementing behavioral intervention and training programs. Ms. Day has a long and successful track record of achievement in building and implementing programs and services that improve the lives of children. She is a committed and collaborative leader who is skilled at bringing partners together and moving them forward to ultimate success.

Ms. Day received her master's degree in social work and bachelor's degree in child development and family relationships from the University of Maine.

Ms. Day will be hosted by Plan International in Xi'an, Shaanxi.

BILL MAGAVERN
COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



Bill Magavern joined the Coalition for Clean Air (CCA) in 2012, serving as policy director, based in Sacramento, the California state capital. He has written numerous reports and articles on energy and environmental issues, and testifies frequently before the State Legislature, California Air Resources Board, and other agencies. An environmental advocate since 1988, Mr. Magavern worked as staff attorney for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, director of Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project, Sacramento director of the Committee to Bridge the Gap, and director of Sierra Club California.

Mr. Magavern received his JD from the State University of New York-Buffalo Law School and his bachelor's degree in American civilization from Brown University.

He will be hosted by the Innovative Green Development Program in Beijing.

DAVID MOORE
TOTAL ACTION FOR PROGRESS, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA



David Moore, senior researcher with the Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance, provides leadership to the institute's nonprofit and civil society programs. He currently manages the SwiftStart Two-Generation (workforce training and childcare) program in partnership with Total Action for Progress (TAP).

Mr. Moore has 15 years of experience delivering capacity-building programming to nonprofits and civil society organizations throughout Virginia. He specializes in program evaluation, collaborative governance, implementation science, and strategic planning. In addition, he has 20 years of data management and analysis experience in a wide variety of fields. He is an expert analyst with skills in data organization, validation and visualization, with a focus on creating actionable management information for decision making. For 25 years, he has managed complex cross-disciplinary projects and has served as the contracted director for a variety of complex programs ranging from environmental management to welfare-to-work, to job training, to early childhood development.

David will be hosted by Habitat for Humanity in Kunming, Yunnan.

BRITTANY SMITH
SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES, WICHITA, KANSAS



Brittany Smith graduated from Kansas State University (KSU) with a bachelor's degree in social work. She has been a licensed social worker for the last seven years and has worked at Saint Francis Community Services, a non-profit, for six years.

Ms. Smith began at Saint Francis as a reintegration case manager, responsible for helping reunite families who had their children placed in state custody by the courts, due to abuse and/or neglect. She has also served as a licensing specialist for foster and adoptive homes; she licensed hundreds of foster homes across 10 counties in the state of Kansas.

She is trained to lead trauma informed PS-MAPP classes (Partnering for Safety and Permanence, Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting). The 30-hour course teaches families about the child welfare system and the role of foster parents. It also helps develop the necessary skills to become a successful foster or adoptive parent. Ms. Smith completed family and home assessments and recommendations.

Currently, Ms. Smith serves as a customer care specialist assisting in managing concerns and grievances from children, parents, families and community members. She also helps with St. Francis' utilization of an external program that connects churches to local children and families in need.

Ms. Smith will be hosted by the Yunnan Jiaxin Children's Center in Kunming.

STEVE SMITH
MARYLAND COALITION FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, ELKRIDGE, MARYLAND



Steve Smith became a professional development facilitator for the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education in 2017. Previously, Steve worked as a paraprofessional, special education teacher, behavior specialist, and statewide instructional coach. Dr. Smith has experience in professional development, behavior support, individual education plan development, and Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Dr. Smith is also a member of the CAST (formerly the Center for Applied Special Technologies) National UDL Cadre and an adjunct faculty member for the Wilmington University doctoral program in educational leadership.

Steve received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Washington College, his master's degree in special education from Wilmington University, and his doctorate in educational leadership, also from Wilmington University.

Dr. Smith will be hosted by Chongqing Normal University.

CARRIE SPERLING
WISCONSIN INNOCENCE PROJECT, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, WISCONSIN



Carrie Sperling joined the University of Wisconsin Law School in August 2013. Since that time, she has served in various roles, including as co-director of the Wisconsin Innocence Project, interim director of the Frank J. Remington Center, and associate dean for experiential learning and education innovation.

As co-director of the Wisconsin Innocence Project, she supervises law students who investigate and litigate claims of innocence on behalf of prisoners in Wisconsin and across the United States.

More than a decade ago, Professor Sperling developed a special interest in shaken baby syndrome. She and her students have litigated several cases on behalf of wrongly accused caregivers. Her research focuses on the dangers of unreliable forensic science in criminal trials. Several of her cases have been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Slate*, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *The Arizona Republic*, the *Phoenix New Times*, the *Wisconsin State Journal*, and on the PBS News Hour.

Professor Sperling will be hosted by the Taiwan Innocence Project in Taipei.



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