

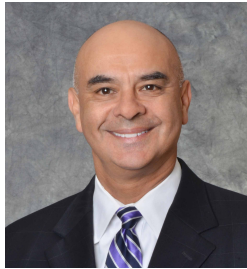


Speaker's Biographies



Lisa Hamilton Vice President of External Affairs, *Annie E. Casey Foundation*

Ms. Hamilton oversees the Annie E. Casey Foundation's efforts to promote policy reforms, communication strategies, and multi-sector partnerships that improve the futures of disadvantaged children, youth and families across the nation. After earning her law degree at the University of Michigan, Ms. Hamilton worked as a tax litigator for a law firm in her native Atlanta before becoming a tax attorney at UPS. After six years Ms. Hamilton became program director of the UPS Foundation. She was appointed to serve on the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Board of Trustees to build a link between the corporate and private philanthropic legacies of Jim Casey. She joined the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 2011.



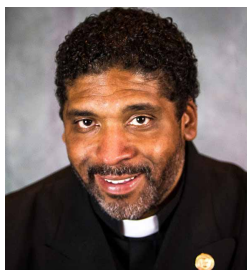
Richard J. Noriega President & CEO, *AVANCE*

Under Mr. Noriega's leadership, AVANCE has established innovative partnerships and engaged in cross-cultural research on the adaptability of the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program to different ethnic groups. Hispanic Business Magazine named Mr. Noriega one of the Top 100 Influential Hispanics in the United States and recognized AVANCE on their Top 25 Nonprofits list for five years running. In 2013, Mr. Noriega spoke at the national summit on Hispanic early learning held by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics and its President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. Before joining AVANCE, Mr. Noriega served five terms at the Texas House of Representatives where he authored and introduced the Texas Dream Act.



Marjorie Sims Managing Director, *The Aspen Institute*

Ms. Sims has more than 20 years of experience in advancing the status of women and families at local, state, national, and international levels. She served as program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation with a focus on family economic security programs. Ms. Sims also held the positions of chief operating officer, interim president, and vice president of programs and operations at the Washington Area Women's Foundation. In addition, she served as the executive director of the California Women's Law Center and as a policy analyst with the International Center for Research on Women. She is a co-founder of Women's Policy, Inc., an organization that emerged from the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to provide unbiased analyses and educational briefings about federal legislation affecting women and families.



Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II President, *North Carolina NAACP*

Dr. Barber is the architect of the Moral Monday movement in North Carolina and president of that state's chapter of the NAACP. He serves as pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro, a 120-year-old congregation with more than 400 members. He is chairperson of the Rebuilding Broken Places Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit involved with building affordable single-family homes and senior citizen housing, and providing job training, affordable child care, and inner city revitalization in Goldsboro. Dr. Barber has held adjunct faculty positions at both Duke University and North Carolina Central University, and is the author of the book ***Preaching Through Unexpected Pain***. He has served as executive director for the NC Human Relations Commission, and is a noted advocate for social justice issues in North Carolina.

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Dr. Cathleen Willging Senior Research Scientist, *Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation and Evaluation and Co-Coordinator, Scholars Strategy Network (Southwest Chapter)*

Dr. Willging received her doctoral degree in anthropology at Rutgers University and undertook her postdoctoral studies at the University of New Mexico where she specialized in both mental health services research and evaluation. Her work generally centers on public mental health and substance use services in the United States, health care reform, and the advancement of culturally and contextually relevant programs to support marginalized groups affected by health and health care disparities. Her current research focuses on implementation and sustainment of evidence-based interventions to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents.



Chris Schueler President and CEO, *Christopher Productions*

An Emmy Award winning producer, Mr. Schueler has created more than 100 television programs over the past 20 years that have been broadcast throughout the country and around the world. Focusing on educational and social issues, Mr. Schueler creates youth programming, cultural and social documentaries, and family series television all geared to create "television to touch the heart." His clients have included the United Nations, the National Institute of Mental Health, the PBS network, and the CBS Network Foundation, as well as other television networks and governments throughout the world. ***Everyone's Business: Protecting Our Children*** is one of his more recent projects.



Allen Sanchez President and CEO, *CHI St. Joseph's Children*

Allen Sanchez directed the startup of the largest home visiting program in the United States serving families with children up to age 3. from prenatal to three years old. He also serves as the Executive Director of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops advocating for the well-being of children.



Veronica C. García, Ed.D. Executive Director, *New Mexico Voices for Children*

Dr. Garcia is a life-long educator whose roles have included: classroom teacher; special education administrator; principal; superintendent of the Santa Fe Public Schools; Director of the Coalition of School Administrators; and most recently, New Mexico Cabinet Secretary of Education. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the National Governor's Association Distinguished Service to State Government, New Mexico Superintendent of the Year, and Hispanic magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award.



Nicole Brady Anchor, KOB

Nicole Brady is the morning news anchor at KOB-TV. She previously anchored the evening newscasts from 2007 to 2013, before deciding to return to mornings after the birth of her second child. Her son Dylan is now 18 months old and his older sister Maya is almost 3. Ms. Brady is a Colorado native but has been in New Mexico and with KOB since 2004. She's been committed to several causes that help children in our state. She is a "big sister" with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, was on the board of a children's theater group, and she's done stories on children and families for KOB for the past 11 years.



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Monique Jacobson Cabinet Secretary, *New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department*

Secretary Jacobson was confirmed in her current position at the start of this year, after having served as the Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Tourism Department for several years. While at the Tourism Department, Secretary Jacobson oversaw implementation of the successful "New Mexico True" campaign, which has contributed to three straight years of substantial growth in tourism in New Mexico. Her strong background of metrics-based, results-driven managerial experience includes having held leadership roles at several major U.S. corporations. A New Mexico native, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Economics from the prestigious Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.



John J. Romero, Jr. Presiding Judge, *Children's Court Division*

Judge Romero began serving on the bench in 2003 as a District Court Judge, after having served as a DWI Hearing Officer for the NM Department of Transportation and in private practice handling family and children's court cases. In addition to Children's Court, where he presides over juvenile delinquency and child abuse and neglect cases, he also serves as a Therapeutic Court Judge over the Program for the Empowerment of Girls. He is a member of the New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium, has served on the Family Violence and Juvenile and Family Law Department Advisory committees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, as well as the Revision Committee for ***Resource Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases***. He was the recipient of the Mitchell Wendell Jurist of the Year Award in 2004 and was certified as Child Welfare Law Specialist by the ABA-accredited National Association of Counsel for Children. He received his Bachelor's, Master's, and Law Degrees from the University of New Mexico.
