

**SC Children's Justice Act Task Force**  
2021-2023 Members

Chair: Tom Knapp

Vice Chair: Trista Baird

<b>Category</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Title/Agency</b>
Law Enforcement	Trista Baird (Vice Chair)	<i>Lieutenant,</i> SC Law Enforcement Division, SVU - Department of Child Fatalities
	Vicky Gaskins	<i>Lieutenant,</i> Aiken County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Division
Criminal Court Judge	Honorable Jocelyn Newman	<i>Circuit Court Judge,</i> 5th Judicial Circuit, Richland County
Civil (Family) Court Judge	Honorable Rosalyn Frierson-Smith	<i>Family Court Judge</i>
	Honorable Kimaka Nichols-Graham	<i>Family Court Judge</i> 13th Judicial Circuit, Greenville County
Prosecuting Attorney	Erik Drylie	<i>Assistant Solicitor,</i> 11 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Saluda, Edgefield, & McCormick Counties
	Debbie Herring-Lash	<i>Assistant Solicitor,</i> 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office, Charleston County
Defense Attorney	Sarah Smith	<i>Assistant Public Defender,</i> Richland County Public Defender's Office
Child Advocate (Attorney for Children)	Robin Page	<i>Attorney,</i> SC Guardian Ad Litem
CASA/GAL Representative	Pamela Robinson	<i>Volunteer Guardian ad Litem and</i> <i>Director, Pro Bono Program, UofSC Law School</i>
	LaDara Josey	<i>Director,</i> SC Guardian ad Litem Program
Medical Professional	Dr. John Melville	<i>Division Chief and Associate Professor of</i> <i>Pediatrics, MUSC Children's Hospital</i>
	Dr. Olga Rosa	<i>Associate Professor of Pediatrics</i> USC School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pediatrics <i>Director, SC Children's Advocacy Medical</i> <i>Response System</i>
Mental Health Professional	Dr. Libby Ralston	<i>Director Emeritus,</i> Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center <i>Co-Director, Project BEST</i>
	Emily Miller	<i>Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center</i> of Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union
Child Protective Service Agency	Carissa Gainey	<i>Director,</i> Office of Safety Management, SCDSS

Experienced with Children with Disabilities	Jennifer Buster	<i>BabyNet Director,</i> SC Department of Health and Human Services
	Cheryl Fitts	<i>Education Associate, Social Emotional Learning</i> SC Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services
Parent Group Representative	Amy Holbert	<i>Executive Director,</i> Family Connection of SC
	Lisa Franklin	<i>Program Administrator,</i> SC Foster Parent Association
Adult with Lived Experience in Child Welfare	Kelley Perkins Brown	<i>Deputy Public Defender</i> Aiken County, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit - Juvenile Division
Experienced in Working with Homeless Children	Deborah C. Boone	<i>McKinney-Vento Coordinator,</i> Richland County School District One
Court Admin. Rep.	Amy Wessinger	<i>Program Coordinator,</i> SC Court Administration
DSS Rep.	Portia Hawkins	<i>Program Unit Manager,</i> SC Department of Social Services
SCNCAC Rep.	Tom Knapp (Chair)	<i>Executive Director,</i> SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers
Department of Children's Advocacy Rep.	Amanda Whittle	<i>State Child Advocate and State Director,</i> SC Department of Children's Advocacy
At-Large Members	Megan Branham	<i>VP of Policy &amp; Advocacy Programs</i> North Public Relations
	Ellen Hamilton	<i>Executive Director,</i> Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Assault

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