

SC Children’s Justice Act Task Force
2018-2021 Members

Category	Member	Title/Agency
Law Enforcement	Trista Baird	<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 Alex Kinlaw, Jr.	<i>Circuit Court Judge,</i> 13th Judicial Circuit, Greenville County
	Vacant	
Civil (Family) Court Judge	Honorable Rosalyn Frierson-Smith	<i>Family Court Judge</i>
	Honorable Robert Newton	<i>Family Court Judge,</i> 11 th Judicial Circuit, Lexington County
	Honorable Kimaka Nichols-Graham	<i>Family Court Judge</i>
Prosecuting Attorney	Candice Lively (Vice-Chair)	<i>Deputy Solicitor,</i> 6 th Judicial Circuit, Chester County
	Vacant	
Defense Attorney	Stacey Coleman	<i>Senior Public Defender</i> 16th Circuit Public Defender’s Office, York County, Juvenile Division
Child Advocate (Attorney for Children)	Robin Page	<i>Attorney,</i> SC Guardian Ad Litem
	Vacant	
CASA/GAL Representative	Pamela Robinson	<i>Volunteer Guardian ad Litem</i> <i>Director, Pro Bono Program, USC Law School</i>
	Vacant	Guardian ad Litem Program
Health 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 Response System</i>
Mental Health Professional	Dr. Libby Ralston (Chair)	<i>Director Emeritus,</i> Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center <i>Co-Director, Project BEST</i>
	Vacant	
Child Protective Service Agency	Portia Hawkins	<i>Program Unit Manager,</i> SC Department of Social Services

Experienced with Children with Disabilities	Jennifer Buster	<i>BabyNet Director,</i> SC Department of Health and Human Services
	Sara Garrett	<i>Education Associate, Special Populations</i> SC Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services
	Tana Vanderbilt	<i>Former General Counsel,</i> SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Parent Group Representative	Amy Holbert	<i>Executive Director,</i> Family Connection of SC
	Anna Skipper	<i>Director of Education,</i> SC Foster Parent Association
Adult with Lived Experience in Child Welfare	Kelley Perkins Brown	<i>Deputy Public Defender</i> (and Former Foster Child), Aiken County, 2 nd 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.	Carissa Gaaney	<i>Director,</i> Office of Safety Management, SCDSS
SCNCAC Rep.	Tom Knapp	<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,</i> North Public Relations
	Ellen Hamilton	<i>Executive Director,</i> Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Assault

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