

**Case Consultant Training:  
A Comprehensive Approach to Placement Advocacy**

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Faculty List**

**Chase, Ashley | OCR Staff Attorney**

Ashley Chase began her career in child welfare law while attending the University of Colorado School of Law with her participation in the Juvenile Law Clinic where she was awarded the CU Law pro bono service award (2006/07) and the Juvenile Law Clinic Award (2007). After completing an externship with the Honorable J. Robert Lowenbach in the 19th Judicial District, Ashley began working in Weld County in the area of family law and as a Guardian ad Litem. During her 10 years in Weld County, Ashley participated in all aspects of litigation and appeals. She worked in the problem-solving court (Family Treatment Court) and was a member of the 19th Judicial District Best Practices Team. In 2010 she was awarded the Jim Covino Advocate of the Year award from the Office of the Child's Representative and in 2017 she was a member of the Best Practices Team of the Year. Ashley has presented and taught across the state in the field of Child Welfare Law and continues to follow her passion as the Staff Attorney and Legislative Liaison at OCR where she provides oversight and support to contract GALs across the state and participates in state-level policy work. Ashley currently serves as the Colorado state liaison for the NACC and is the co-chair of the Colorado FFPSA Implementation Team.

**Cloven, Matt | OCR Education & Disability Case Consultant**

Matt Cloven has worked with people with disabilities of all ages for approximately 20 years. In this time, he has helped families, individuals, and professionals navigate the many systems that impact people with disabilities. Some of these systems include education (special education and 504), justice (restoration of competency educator, ADA expert and consultant in child welfare cases), and public services (Medicaid, DVR, SSI). Matt has been a disability advocate and consultant professionally since 2014 and has provided educational and systems support, as well as disability-specific training for families, GALs, and child welfare and community-based provider agencies across Colorado. Though much of his knowledge comes from this work, Matt also has certificates from attending the William & Mary Law Institute of Special Education Advocacy. He is also a certified assessor for Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and is a Court Visitor for guardianship and conservatorship probate cases in Larimer County. He holds his Masters in Cultural History and Philosophy.

**Danz, Sheri | OCR Deputy Director**

Sheri Danz's legal advocacy on behalf of children and youth includes representing adolescents and young adults in child welfare and other civil matters as a Skadden Fellow/staff attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago; representing juveniles in delinquency proceedings as a staff attorney at the Colorado State Public Defender's Office; and representing youth in public benefits, child welfare, and protective order proceedings as a legal intern at the Door's Legal Services Program, a multidisciplinary youth services center in New York City. Ms. Danz has also worked on issues regarding parents' counsel at the Office of the State Court Administrator in Colorado and served as a law clerk to the Hon. Gene Carter, United States District Court Judge for the District of Maine. Prior to law school, Ms. Danz taught special education in rural North Carolina through the Teach for America Program. Sheri Danz is a graduate of New York University School of Law, where she received a Root-Tilden-Kern public interest scholarship and served as a member of the New York University Law Review.

**Normington, Meaghan | OCR Case Consultant**

Meaghan Normington is a licensed professional counselor and has spent the last two years as a youth ongoing caseworker at Denver Human Services. Prior to her time at DHS, she worked with youth and their families as an inpatient trauma-informed clinician. As a caseworker in child welfare, Meaghan has worked in the court system through Dependency & Neglect and Juvenile Delinquency cases. She has experience with assessing a family's needs and individualizing treatment planning to address the presented concerns. Meaghan is familiar with the life of a case and has a working knowledge of services that are available to children and their family. In her daily work, Meaghan emphasizes the importance of family systems, parent-child interactions and cultural competency. She is a firm believer that the utilization of family, whether it be immediate or extended, leads to permanency success for children. Meaghan uses her therapeutic background with children and families to approach their stories and experiences with empathy, as well as to better manage the crises that may arise during visits and meetings. She is intentional when working with children and strive to ensure that their voice is always heard.

**Wolff, Alex | OCR Case Consultant Coordinator**

Alex worked as a social worker and supervisor for 15 years in the Brooklyn office of the Legal Aid Society. The Legal Aid Society represents children in the most delinquency and D&N cases in New York City Family Courts. While at Legal Aid, he worked with clients aged zero to 21. The Brooklyn office is comprised of approximately 50 lawyers and 14 social workers who work with approximately 6,000 clients per year. Social workers have been an integral part of the Juvenile Rights Practice of Legal Aid for roughly 40 years. Alex firmly believes that Legal Aid's clients required and benefited from interdisciplinary collaboration. He also believes such collaboration enhanced the practice of attorneys and social workers. Working at Legal Aid was an incredible learning experience for Alex, and he realizes he has much to learn about Colorado's systems and challenges. His goal is to help in any way he can to support contractors who are already practicing in an interdisciplinary way and to help connect and strategize with contractors interested in working with Case Consultants.