

Dan Simon, Executive Director, Owner



As the Director and Owner of Community Care Resources, Dan fills many of the business and management roles for the organization. Driven by his passion to establish a foster care agency that delivers children and adolescents with comprehensive mental care services, Dan recognizes none of this would be possible without a great team of foster care and mental health professionals. He offers a wide breadth of knowledge when it comes to the foster care industry, ranging from current practices and trends to the philosophies that have kept his business flourishing for over 23 years.

Mary Simon, MSSW, LCSW, Programs Manager



With over 19 years of experience in the treatment foster care industry, Mary is Community Care Resources' Programs Manager, as well as the wife of founder Dan Simon. While she fills a variety of roles including an active role in education and development of policy, procedure and protocol, Mary's passion is in her clinical work with children. Mary has extensive expertise in the treatment of children and adolescents with severe trauma and mental health issues. She also provides individualized outpatient treatment for youth who struggle with sexual issues in her role as supervisor of the Sexual Abuse Treatment Offender Program (S.T.O.P.).

Paulette Wijas, MSSW, LCSW, Clinical Supervisor



Paulette is a Clinical Supervisor here at Community Care Resources. Along with her Masters Degree in Social Work, Paulette is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with Substance Abuse Specialty Authorization and has a background in psychiatric inpatient work, in home family therapy, and outpatient mental health counseling in the public and private sectors. She works closely with many of our Clinical Case Managers to find effective solutions for children with behavioral and mental health issues and offers a calm, clinical, and thoughtful approach to problem solving.

Renee Sutkay, MSSW, Clinical Supervisor



Renee is a Clinical Supervisor, who works closely with parents and children throughout the foster care process. Renee plays an important role in the training and education of new foster parents and also provides the necessary support and guidance to Clinical Case Managers. She has extensive experience in Child Protective Services which she is able to bring to her role within the organization. Most importantly, Renee offers invaluable personal experience to the job, both as a former foster parent and current adoptive parent.

Joan Albright, MSSW, LASW Foster Care Coordinator



As Foster Care Coordinator, Joan plays an integral role in the recruitment, screening, training, and licensing of foster parents. She also provides direct support to the many foster parents within the Community Care Resources' system. It's her goal to establish professional and trusting relationships with these parents, while providing them with an honest approach regarding the successes and challenges that inevitably come with foster care. Prior to her position as Foster Care Coordinator, she served as a Clinical Case Manager with Community Care Resources for over 11 years. As a result, Joan is very familiar with the many traumas foster youth bring to care.

Donna Rifken, Ph.D., Child Clinical Psychologist



With a Ph. D. in Child Clinical Psychology, Donna offers the Community Care Resources team over 28 years of experience in the assessment and treatment of youth hurt by abuse, neglect and mental illness. Donna is a pragmatic clinician, treating and assessing youth using a variety of evidence-based, proven strategies. Her goal is to find ways to stabilize youth in care so that their Community Care Resources placement is their last placement. She is dedicated to ending the cycle of moving children from one foster home to another. Donna is also the developer of Peaceful Warriors, a program that teaches youth how to reduce stress and make better decisions about behavior through the use of mindfulness practices, yoga and cognitive behavioral skills. She is a National Register Psychologist, a certified yoga instructor and is experienced in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT).

Brian Sullivan, MS, LPC, Referral Coordinator, Clinical Supervisor



Brian serves as both Referral Coordinator and Clinical Supervisor for the Community Care Resources team. In addition to providing Case Managers with supervision and guidance, he also manages all referrals to Community Care Resources for children in need of foster care, carefully matching them with families and facilitating all placements. He enjoys seeing children thrive and succeed in foster care as well as building relationships with the social workers who refer them. Over his 13 years with the organization, Brian has also been actively involved with writing, editing and producing the Community Care Resources newsletter.

Janette Gunn, MSSW, LCSW, Therapist



Janette is a licensed psychotherapist specializing in treating children and youth who have complex sexual abuse histories and offending behavior in her role as therapist in the Sexual abuse Treatment Offender Program (S.T.O.P) at Community Care Resources. She strives to facilitate healing for youth and their families who have often lost hope. As a member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Janette works with both victims and perpetrators of abuse, in some circumstances

bringing them together to heal through reparative family therapy. In her 7 years with the organization, Janette strives to bring a strength-based approach to the youth and families by incorporating evidence-based Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) to individuals in treatment.