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Jessica Jenkins

Jessica Jenkins is the Assistant Director, Human Services Planning & Development. In her position she is responsible for assisting with implementation of the community's 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and Reduce Overall Homelessness. Prior to her work at Montgomery County, she served as Chief Operating Officer for Miami Valley Housing Opportunities, a non-profit dedicated to providing housing for vulnerable populations; and as a Community Development Analyst for the City of Dayton. Jessica holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Dayton. She is the co-chair of the Housing Subcommittee for the Office of Reentry.

Commissioner: Deborah A. Lieberman



Commissioner Liebermann co-chairs the Montgomery County Reentry Council with U.S. Judge Walter Rice. She received the “Liberty Bell” award from the Dayton Bar Association for her work in Reentry. She has also served on the University of Dayton School of Law Alumni Board. She serves on the Downtown Dayton Partnership Board, co-chaired the Culture Connects 20/20 Committee, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance.

She is the President of the Board of Directors for the County Commissioner's Association of Ohio (CCAO) and currently serves on many of CCAO's committees, including the Joint Committee on Administration of Elections. She is a current Governor appointee serving on the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

She was elected to the National Association of Counties Board of Directors in 2015 and is Vice Chair of the Human Services and Education Steering Committee. She is a member of the Economic Mobility Leadership Network and was also elected Chief Elected Official of the Greater Ohio Workforce Board (formerly Area 7), representing 42 Ohio counties.

The Commissioner has a rich family life with husband Dennis, a litigator and defense attorney. Debbie and Dennis received the Dayton Broadcasters Hall of Fame Community Service Award in 2019. They have two sons, David and D.J.

John Zimmerman



John Zimmerman is the Vice President of the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center in Dayton, Ohio. He manages Education and Outreach for the organization which provides continuing education credits for Realtors, Realtist, Architects, Attorneys, social workers and housing providers. He conducts fair housing workshops for consumers and develops fair housing promotional material for social media and other digital platforms. He has a bachelor's degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He resides both in Indiana and Ohio.

Jamie Gee MBA/ Managing Officer of the Montgomery County Office of Reentry. Ms.



Gee has served in this position since 2010 and has over 33 years of experience in the corrections, parole, and community reentry services arena.

She began her career in corrections in 1989 at the Warren Correctional Institution. She is a dedicated pioneer with multi-faceted criminal justice, leadership, and management expertise; and possesses her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice, and MBA from the University of Phoenix.

She is an Executive member of the Ohio Association of Local Reentry Coalitions and has served various advisory boards, including the Greater Dayton Lawyer Project, Dayton Mediation Center, Bold Believers Community Involvement Inc, and NAMI of Montgomery County. Jamie is an expert in leveraging partnerships and is committed to addressing the holistic needs of returning & restored citizens, through effective resource optimization, coordination, network, and advocacy.

Lanaya McDonald,



Lanaya McDonald is the Reentry Administrator with ODRC Office of Reentry overseeing major initiatives to include reentry housing, reentry coalitions, citizen circles, and other reentry specialties to include the Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) process.

Lanaya has 23 years with Lucas County JFS in many capacities. She also served on Lucas County reentry Coalition, reentry Court & the Federal Reentry Court for over 12 years. Lanaya spent 13 years in the United States Army Reserves. Within ODRC, Lanaya began as the Chief of Unit Management at Toledo Correctional Institution and most recently served as the Regional Unit Management Administrator for the South Region.

Lanaya earned a bachelor's degree from University of Toledo and two master's degrees from Spring Arbor University in Organizational Development & Counseling. She is a Licensed Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Professional.



Ronette "Roni" Burkes-Trowsdell has been employed by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for over 21 years. Roni currently serves as the Deputy Director of Reentry. Throughout Roni's tenure with the Department of Corrections, it has been apparent her inner drive is fueled by her passion for people.

Roni has been honored with numerous awards and recognitions to include: 2019 Black History Month Award presented by Bishop Timothy Clarke of First Church of God where she is a member, the 2019 Governor's Award for Arts in Community Development and Participation, 2017 Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Warden of the Year, 2017 Sunny 95 Twenty Most Outstanding Women, 2016 Service Award presented by St. John A.M. E. Church, "2015 Woman of the Year" by the Women of Color Foundation, the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice 2015 Leadership Award, and is the recipient of the 2015 Black History Achievement Award presented by the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Roni earned a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Tiffin University. Additionally, she earned a bachelor's degree of Arts & Sciences from the University of Akron in Sociology, Law Enforcement, and an associate degree in Criminal Justice Technology. She is also a graduate of the Ohio Certified Public Manager Program, through the John Glenn Institute at the Ohio State University, earning her CPE.