



Campaign for Youth Justice Names Marcy Mistrett as New Chief Executive Officer



(Washington, DC) June 2, 2014 - The Board of Directors for the Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ) is pleased to name Marcy Mistrett as CFYJ's new Chief Executive Officer, effective June 1, 2014.

A graduate of American University and the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Mistrett started her career in juvenile justice in Chicago in the 1990's, where she worked on youth transfer issues at the University of Chicago Law School's Mandel Clinic, at the Citizen's Committee on Juvenile Court, and at the Evanston Community Defender Office as a social worker.

Upon returning to DC in 1998, Mistrett spent five years working at the national level with the Institute for Community Peace (formerly, the National Funding Collaborative on Violence Prevention), where she provided technical assistance and evaluation support to ten communities who were organizing to prevent violence in their communities. She was also appointed to the DC

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JJAG by Mayor Anthony Williams, was actively involved in the Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform, and served as a Steering Committee Member of the Justice 4 DC Youth Coalition.

Mistrett fills the role left vacant by her colleague, CFYJ founder and former Chief Executive Officer, Liz Ryan.

"Marcy has the perfect blend of organizing, executive experience, strategic thinking, and fundraising skills to lead the organization and carry it to the next level," said Ryan. "This is a great time for the Campaign, as it reaches its tenth year anniversary. Marcy is a dynamic leader who will be working with an amazing team and is the best choice to lead CFYJ into its second decade."

Prior to joining CFYJ, Mistrett led two education non-profits in the District that spanned issues relating to early childhood through college success. She is excited to join CFYJ to end the practice of trying, sentencing and incarcerating youth in the adult criminal justice system.

"I am honored to join the CFYJ team. The work that the Campaign has done on behalf of young people has been truly remarkable," said Mistrett. "I thank Liz Ryan for building such a dynamic organization, and I look forward to joining this amazing team to continue the fight to ensure that kids are treated like kids in justice systems across the country."

CFYJ expresses sincere thanks to the Board of Directors for leading the search effort, and to Malcolm Young for his assistance in serving as interim executive director of the organization since January.

"I give my sincerest thanks to everyone that has helped throughout the process of selecting a new leader for CFYJ," said Eduardo Ferrer, Chair of the CFYJ Board of Directors. "I applaud the Board for their diligence throughout the search process and for the selection of an excellent candidate. I also thank Malcolm for being a great interim director so that CFYJ could continue their good work during this transition. The board is elated to be working with that Marcy in this new chapter for CFYJ, and we expect that she and our amazing staff will continue pushing us closer and closer to a world where no kid is in the adult criminal justice system."

The Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ) is a national organization dedicated to ending the practice of trying, sentencing and incarcerating youth under the age of 18 in the adult criminal justice system. For additional information, please visit, [here](#).

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