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**Wednesday, March 22**

**1:10 p.m. via Zoom**

featuring

**DEREK GETIC**

*Regional Director for Region 4*

Maryland Department of Juvenile Services



Juvenile justice is an evolving field which involves intake, pre-court services, probation, detention, and committed placement. The juvenile justice system is often the entry point into the adult criminal justice system. There is a shift to change the narrative for how the “system” handles these young people and the professionals assigned to work with them.

How can we staff juvenile justice roles effectively? How can we provide front-end services to prevent long-term criminal justice involvement? How can we evolve from equal justice to equitable justice?

Derek Getic is the Regional Director for Region 4 for the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. Derek has worked over 25 years in the human service field, most of those years in direct service provision to youth and families. He worked in family preservation programs, child protective services investigations, juvenile probation, juvenile drug court, juvenile detention facilities, and juvenile committed programs. Derek is a Certified Auditor with the American Correctional Association, specifically working to forward reform and best practices within juvenile detention facilities. Derek has served as a speaker/panelist for: the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force; the Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; the American Correctional Association; and the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention.

Derek is dedicated to change and strives towards equity in all decisions especially at the “front door” of the juvenile justice system; changing the narrative for youth at their point of entry into the system. He is passionate about creating an understanding, and providing a “level playing field” for communities of color, the LGBTQ community, the socio-economically disadvantaged, and the marginalized. Derek has an opportunity to choose every day to: do something, say something, act in some way that would move our work in a positive direction.

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