

# 2022 AAIWG Symposium

Prevention & Intervention: Pathways  
to Reducing Acts of Mass Violence

October 14, 2022

Double Tree Hotel Annapolis



**7:30am Registration and Breakfast**

**8:30am Welcome**

*Mr. Walter "Pete" Landon, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor*

**8:45am Opening Remarks**

*Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford*

**9:00am Keynote Presentation**

*Dr. Peter Langman, Author of Warning Signs: Identifying School Shooters Before They Strike; Researcher with the National Threat Assessment Center of the United States Secret Service*

**12:15pm Networking Lunch**

**1:15pm Panel Discussion: State & Local Efforts at Violence Interruption & Behavioral Health Interventions**

*Moderator: Dr. Scott J. Romeika*

- **Sen. Katie Fry Hester**, Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee – Maryland Senate
- **Del. Stephanie Smith**, Appropriations Committee – Maryland House of Delegates
- **Lt. Steven Thomas**, Anne Arundel County Police Department
- **Ms. Jen Corbin**, Director, Anne Arundel County Crisis Response System

**2:30pm Panel Discussion: State and Federal Grant Opportunities and Collaborative Partnerships**

*Moderator: Mr. Darren McGregor, MHS, MS, LCMFT, Director of the Office of Crisis and Criminal Justice Services, Maryland Behavioral Health Administration*

- **Mr. Jordan Garza**, Regional Prevention Coordinator, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security – Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)
- **Ms. Steffie Rapp**, Program Manager – Delinquency Prevention Child Protection Division of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Mr. Gary Richardson**, Director of Grants – Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

**3:30pm Closing Remarks**

*Sgt. Travis Nelson, Maryland State Police*  
*Mr. Randy Linthicum, MIEMSS*



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**Dr. Peter Langman** is a psychologist whose research on school shooters has received international recognition. His book, *Why Kids Kill: Inside the Minds of School Shooters*, was named an Outstanding Academic Title and was translated into German, Dutch, Finnish, and Russian. His work has been cited in congressional testimony on Capitol Hill, and he has been interviewed by the New York Times, The Today Show, 20/20, Nightline, Fox, CNN, the BBC, and nearly 500 other news outlets around the world. Dr. Langman has presented at FBI Headquarters and the FBI National Academy in Quantico. He has been an invited speaker at the National Counterterrorism Center and was hired by the Department of Homeland Security to train professionals in school safety. He maintains the largest online collection of materials relating to school shooters at [schoolshooters.info](http://schoolshooters.info). In 2018, Dr. Langman became a researcher with the National Threat Assessment Center of the United States Secret Service. In 2020, he became the Director of Research and School Safety Training with Drift Net Securities. His new book is *Warning Signs: Identifying School Shooters Before They Strike*.



**Senator Katie Fry Hester** represents Maryland's 9th district including Ellicott City, Western Howard County, and southern Carroll County. Before entering public service in 2018, Sen. Hester spent 20 years working in the private sector to foster sustainable international development, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning to solve large, complex problems. She has worked with Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, governments, non-profits, and communities to find win-win partnerships. In the General Assembly, she has put these skills to use as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology, Co-Chair of the Public Safety & Judicial System Subcommittee of the Governor's Commission to Study Mental & Behavioral Health, and as a member of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. She has sponsored and passed more than 30 pieces of bipartisan legislation during her first term, including the State's first comprehensive cybersecurity package, the establishment of the first-in-the-nation revolving loan fund for environmental resiliency projects, to expand mental and behavioral healthcare access for students, and to invest in historic preservation to revitalize communities across Maryland. Sen. Hester graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Agricultural & Biological Engineering



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**Delegate Stephanie M. Smith** was just re-elected to serve her second term in the Maryland House of Delegates, representing the 45th District (Baltimore City). She serves as Chair of the Baltimore City House Delegation, is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, and sits on the Education and Economic Development Subcommittee as well as the Oversight Committee on Pensions. By day, Stephanie serves as an Assistant Director for Equity, Engagement and Communications in the City of Baltimore's Department of Planning. Prior to joining the General Assembly, Del. Smith worked in the federal policy arena as a staffer and lobbyist advancing public health, voting rights, affordable housing and environmental justice for the most vulnerable communities. Active in her Baltimore community, Del. Smith has served on a host of nonprofit boards, and currently serves on the board for the Maryland School for the Blind. Del. Smith is a proud graduate of Hampton University (BA), University of Delaware (MA), and Howard University School of Law (JD).



**Lt. Steven Thomas** began his career with the Anne Arundel County Police Department in 1996, where he served as a patrol officer until being named the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Peer Support Coordinator for the Department in 2016. In 2020, Anne Arundel County Police Department's CIT Unit was named International CIT Unit of the Year. Lt. Thomas holds a certification in Critical Incident Stress Management, serving as the Anne Arundel County CISM Team Coordinator, and as an approved instructor with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF). Lt. Thomas received the ICISF Pioneering Spirit Award in 2019. He also serves as a Youth & Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor and was named a top 100 instructor in 2018. Lt. Thomas holds a BA from UMBC, and a Master's degree from the University of Baltimore.



**Jennifer Corbin**, MSW, LMSW is the Director for the Anne Arundel County Crisis Response System which is under the direction of the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency. In this role, she provides direct oversight into the day-to-day operations of the county's crisis system. Much of her work involves collaborating with external agencies working with the crisis system, including the Anne Arundel County Police, Fire, and Health Departments, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, local hospitals and mental behavioral health providers. She is a trained instructor in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and has helped to train all of the county's law enforcement officers to become certified in the public safety model of MHFA. Ms. Corbin is also trained in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and has helped develop a peer support team for Anne Arundel County Police Department. Ms. Corbin has worked in the mental health field for twenty-three years and received her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland School of Social Work.



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**Scott J. Romeika, Psy.D.** is a psychologist, educator, and consultant based in Philadelphia. Dr. Romeika applies developmental, systems, and positive psychology approaches to his work in both academia and private practice. He is a lecturer in management at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and director of the group dynamics seminar at Department of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania. A member of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, he serves on its task force on interpersonal violence. His research and consulting interests include school violence prevention, crisis leadership, and high-performance team building.



**Jordan Garza** is the Regional Prevention Coordinator at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3). Mr. Garza works to form partnerships between federal, state, and local government and the whole-of-society to build local prevention frameworks that prevent targeted violence and terrorism. Mr. Garza has held multiple positions within various levels of local, state and federal government focusing on community education and engagement, crime prevention, and reentry services. Mr. Garza transferred to DHS in 2021 from the Department of Justice where he helped provide an innovative framework to enhance federal support of state, local, and tribal law enforcement, and prosecution authorities to reduce violent crimes and enhance public safety



**Darren McGregor, MHS, MS, LCMFT**, serves as the Director of the Office of Crisis and Criminal Justice Services for the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration. His work there includes oversight of crisis intervention teams (CIT), mobile crisis, mental health residential crisis, SOR residential crisis for individuals with opioid use disorders, behavioral health crisis treatment centers, crisis stabilization, safe stations, the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program, urgent care in outpatient mental health centers, and mental health respite. His office is also responsible for overseeing disaster preparedness and emergency management, trauma-informed care, and criminal justice services including the Maryland Community Criminal Justice Treatment Program (MCCJTP), Trauma, Addiction, Mental Health and Recovery (TAMAR), Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership (STOP), medication assisted treatment (MAT) in jails and detention centers, Drug Court, and DataLink.



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**Steffie Rapp** is a Program Manager for the Delinquency Prevention Child Protection Division of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. She works with the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force Program, Prevention of Youth Hate Crimes and Identity-based Bullying Initiative, Gang Intervention Programs, and issues related to trauma and mental health. In addition, Mrs. Rapp is on the editorial board of [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov). Prior to coming to OJJDP in 2004, for 9 years Mrs. Rapp was the Executive Director of her own school-based, nonprofit gang and violence prevention/intervention program in West Baltimore. She received her MSW at Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts and is licensed to practice clinical social work.



**Gary Richardson** was hired as Director of Grants at the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services on June 29, 2022. In this role he is responsible for directing all grant operations for the life cycle of a grant including the submission of applications to the federal government, pre-award technical assistance, peer reviews, awards to subrecipients, performance management, subrecipient monitoring and final close out. Prior to GOCPYVS, Gary served as Chief of Resource Management and Monitoring for the Division of Early Intervention and Special Education at the Maryland State Department of Education where he was responsible for the approval, distribution, and monitoring of \$800M in grants to local education agencies, nonpublic special education schools, institutes of higher education, and nonprofits. His previous experience also includes leadership positions in the private and nonprofit sectors. Gary received his bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg University, and his MBA from Drexel University.



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