



Harnessing the Potential of Young Adults: How Programs Are Using Youth Voice, Education, and Workforce Development to Transform Systems

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Speaker Bios

Senator Louis DiPalma

Senator Louis P. DiPalma (District 12, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Tiverton) was born on April 20, 1961. He is married to Margaret and they have two children, Kellie and Abigail. He is employed as a Technical Director for Raytheon. A 1979 graduate Notre Dame Catholic High School, he went on to earn a B.S. in Computer Engineering from the University of Bridgeport in 1983 and a Masters in Computer Science from Brown University in 1989. Senator DiPalma is currently involved with the Middletown School Facilities Core Committee; the Rhode Island Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Advisory Committee; the Aquidneck Land Trust; the Sakonnet Preservation Society; the United States Navy League; the Physics First Advisory Board; the St. Philomena School Board of Trustees; the Rhode Island Science and Engineering Fair; the Rhode Island Space Grant consortium; the UMASS Dartmouth Computer and Electrical/Computer Engineering Advisory Committee; and serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Lucy's Church. Senator DiPalma served on the Middletown Town Council from 2004-2008 when he was elected to the Rhode Island Senate. He also serves on the Middletown Democratic Town Committee.

Commissioner Edward Dolan

Edward J. Dolan was appointed Commissioner of the Massachusetts Probation Service in June 2013. He previously served as the Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services (DYS) where he had held various positions since 1997, including Deputy Commissioner and Director of Classification. He was also Chief Operating Officer at Massachusetts Half Way Houses, Inc., and a Forensic Manager for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Commissioner Dolan has also served as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Parole Board and its Director of Research, Planning and

Systems Development. Early in his career, he held the position of court planner on the staff of the Trial Court Chief Administrative Judge Arthur Mason. Commissioner Dolan has a master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University and a bachelor's degree in government for UMASS/Amherst. He is a certified trainer in the area of risk/need assessment and has provided consulting services in areas including organizational and program development, parole decision making, and information services.

Sheriff Peter Koutoujian

A career public servant, Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian has overseen one of the nation's oldest law enforcement agencies - the Middlesex Sheriff's Office - as it has become a premier public safety institution known for innovation and professional excellence. During his eight years in office, Sheriff Koutoujian has initiated several landmark programs at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office that have garnered national attention. These include a medication assisted treatment program recognized as a Center of Excellence by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC); the Housing Unit for Military Veterans (HUMV) that has been touted by the Washington Examiner and Vice News Tonight; and a unique unit for young adult offenders that has been called "one of the most important criminal justice reform experiments in the country" by the Boston Globe. Under Sheriff Koutoujian's leadership, Middlesex County was chosen as one of three Data Driven Justice (DDJ) Project pilot sites by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. DDJ is a national initiative focused on linking police, jail, hospital and service provider data to identify individuals with behavioral health needs within these systems with a goal of producing better outcomes that enhance public safety. As one of the nation's highest elected Armenian-American officials, Sheriff Koutoujian was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO). He is a recipient of the Medal of Gratitude from the Republic of Artsakh and the Republic of Armenia's Mkhitar Gosh Medal. Sheriff Koutoujian is a graduate of Bridgewater State University, the New England School of Law and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.