

Take REAL Action Forum Speaker Bios

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Colleen Roylance has served on the board of Youth Connections for 3 years. Having grown up in Montana, she is committed to ensuring our communities support families. In addition to Youth Connections, Colleen is the COO of Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of all Montanans. Colleen lives in Helena with her husband, Mark, and their 15 year old son, Alexander. They often visit Bozeman to see their older son, Gunter, a freshman at MSU.



Montana Governor Steve Bullock is a proven leader who has successfully brought people together to get things done for the state of Montana. Born and raised in Montana, Steve has spent his career fighting on behalf of workers, students and families. As governor, he works to make Montana stronger for future generations, ensuring that his own three kids – and all young Montanans – are able to enjoy the same opportunities afforded to all of us who grew up here. Working with a Republican legislature, he expanded Medicaid, passed an Earned Income Tax Credit, established the state's first public pre-K, and passed one of the most progressive anti-dark money bills in the country. He was the first governor in the country to protect net neutrality through Executive Order. Every day, Steve heads to work at the State Capitol committed to ensuring that Montana remains the best state in the nation to live, work, start a business, and raise a family.



Andy Duran is the Executive Director of Linking Efforts Against Drugs (LEAD) - a drug prevention organization based in Lake Forest, IL. Andy blends his coalition and prevention work with more than 10 years of experience in youth leadership development. In addition to working for years as a Youth Minister in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Andy also served as the Executive Director of the Peacebuilders Initiative - a dynamic and unique leadership development program at Catholic Theological Union that trains young leaders for ministry. Andy is also the founder of Camp Hope, a recreational summer camp for children and teens with disabilities. Over the past 2 years, Andy has spoken in more than 20 states in the areas of youth development, drug prevention, social media, coalition development and mobilization, prescription drug prevention strategies, medical marijuana and more. Under Andy's direction, LEAD has developed into a nationally recognized organization that offers trainings, workshops and technical assistance for organizations all over the country. In addition to his non-profit experience, Andy has worked as a marketing and social media consultant for organizations of all types and sizes. Andy is passionate about the lives of young people, and about the adults who serve them.



Chaplain Chris Haughee has been working with children and families for over 20 years, most recently at Intermountain Residential Services where he specializes in trauma-informed ministry and resilience building in vulnerable youth, aged 6-13. In the session, "Building a culture of resilience through trauma informed communities of faith," we'll explore the importance and prevalence of adverse childhood experiences in our communities and how churches and faith communities can inform, educate, and empower their communities while building greater resilience in those they minister to. The session will be informational, inspirational, and practical with the intent that each attendee leave the time together with a clear "next step" in moving a trauma-informed, resilience building agenda forward in their sphere of influence.



Dr. Nikki Honzel is an associate professor of Psychology at Carroll College. Dr. Honzel is an expert in electrophysiological recordings and has used this neuroimaging technique to investigate a wide range of topics. She completed her undergraduate education at Colgate University in New York and her Ph.D. at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. Dr. Honzel spent six years working at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northern California investigating cognitive changes in patients with traumatic brain injury as well as patients with post-traumatic stress disorder. During this time, Dr. Honzel researched how to identify a neurological biomarker to detect symptom severity in individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder. Dr. Honzel also examined neurological changes associated with making risky decisions following severe brain injury.



Tanya Murgel, Deputy Juvenile Probation Officer. She has been a Juvenile Probation Officer working in the 1st Judicial District for that past 12 years. As a probation officer, Tanya is tasked with supervising youth in the community to help ensure they are following their probation conditions as well as helping with any outside resources they may need to be successful. Tanya maintains a working relationship with a variety of community resources to include Law Enforcement, school professionals, mental health and chemical dependency counselors and attorneys. Tanya also serves on the Youth Connections Board of Directors.

Danny David has been a police Officer with the Helena Police Dept. for over 14 years, assigned as the supervisor of the Missouri River Drug Task Force for the past 5 years. He will be speaking about the current drug trends in Montana as well as why we have an influx of heroin and where drugs are coming from.

Bryan Haven was born and raised in Billings, MT in 1983 and graduated from Billings West High in 2001. He then served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany. During that time Bryan served one year in combat, in Baghdad, Iraq. In 2010 he moved to Helena, and in 2012 he was hired by the Helena Police Department. Bryan has served as a Police Officer, SWAT Team Member, Civil Disobedience Team Member, and currently serves as a School Resource Officer at Helena High. In March he will be leaving the schools and returning to Patrol as a supervisor.

Craig Struble LCSW LAC: Is a lifelong Montanan. He received his BA from Carroll in Human Development with emphasis on education and Masters in Social work from Walla Walla University. Craig has been practicing Substance Use counseling for 16 years working with both adults and adolescents. He has been practicing mental health counseling for 8 years. He currently works as a Co-occurring therapist for Intermountain. In his free time he can often be found officiating one of many sports, and if not there, he is probably of chasing one of his four children in their adventures.



Jess Hegstrom is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator/Suicide Prevention Health Educator for Lewis & Clark County. Jess spearheaded the Man Therapy anti-stigma campaign in the area through her service as an AmeriCorps VISTA and continues to lead the campaign in her new role. Today, she'll share information about Man Therapy, mental health and suicide and how to bring these taboo subjects into the light for our most vulnerable population – Montana's working-age men. Jess is also certified as a Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer and will be giving a brief overview of what this is and how it can be helpful.



Kellie McBride is the Director of Lewis and Clark County's Criminal Justice Services Department; the newest department at the County and the department she was hired to design and implement. Born and raised in Helena, McBride, a graduate of Helena High, spent 20 years in Southern California where she earned her BS in Human Services from California State University Fullerton and started her family. She is an executive level leader with over 25 years of successful strategic planning and overall development for non-profit, healthcare, and government institutions. She's also the mother of five adult sons, a daughter in her senior year at Helena High, and a grandma to three.



Layla Eichler is the administrator for The First Judicial District Treatment Court resided by the honorable Jim Reynolds. Layla coordinates all aspects of the treatment court, including case management and program oversight. The duties will provide for the safety of the community and encouraging the rehabilitation of adult offenders utilizing evidenced--based practices; treatment and case planning; contacting offenders; prepare comprehensive reports for use by the Treatment Court; ensuring offender accountability; maintaining a working knowledge of a all areas of participant deficits. Growing up with addictive parents has led Layla to the social work field. She had to overcome many adversities, challenges and obstacles. Layla has five amazing children, and one fur baby. In addition, Layla volunteers for Youth Connections, attends Capitol Area Workforce, Helena Lewis and Clark Mental Health Advisory Board and United Way monthly meetings. Layla is very passionate about collaborating with community partners transforming offenders into positive, contributing members of our community.



Pastor Jeff Ullrey earned his Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling from Trinity Bible College and Seminary. Pastor Jeff has lived in the Helena area since 1999 with his wife Tracy and four children and is the founder of Life Recovery Ministries, a faith based organization committed to helping people overcome addiction, convictions, and abuse.

