



## **BOBBI TAYLOR, KEYNOTE PRESENTER**

### **THE FOUNDER AND CEO OF PROXIMATE SOLUTION**

Bobbi Taylor the Founder and CEO of Proximate Solution and is a nationally recognized leader driving systems change. She is experienced in child welfare, prevention, program and service development, partnership cultivation with system leaders and proximate community members, and state and federal policy to improve outcomes for youth and families.

She is driven by her cross sectional lived experience in the child welfare, juvenile justice, and community prevention systems. She believes that our best solutions are rooted in the communities in which we serve, and she is deeply committed to cultivating these dynamic partnerships across the country.

Bobbi received the Inspiring Change Award for Children's Rights, is an Executive member of Thriving Families Safer Children, served as a lead researcher on Away From Home - Ending Group Placement, a member of the Protection of Children Commission, served as a chair for lived experience on the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Coalition, a published author on 'The Children's Bureau Express', and has contributed to many other local, state, and national projects to improve the well-being of communities.

## **1:00 PM**

### **Welcome**

- AJ Griffin, Ed.D., CEO, Potts Family Foundation, and Event Emcee

## **1:05 PM**

### **Opening Remarks**

- Annette Wisk Jacobi, JD  
Executive Director  
Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
- Mendy Spohn, MPH  
Deputy Commissioner of Community Health Services  
Oklahoma State Department of Health
- Tricia Howell, MHR, LPC  
Director, Child Welfare Services  
Oklahoma Human Services

## **1:20 PM**

### **Commitment to the Long Haul**

Keynote Address by Bobbi Taylor

Discover the exciting progress in youth and family engagement across Oklahoma as the speaker dives into the powerful collaboration between system leaders and those with lived experience. This session will spark an engaging discussion about how these partnerships shape a stronger, more supportive future for families and communities. Come ready to learn new ways to keep building momentum.

## **2:20 PM**

### **Break**

**2:35 PM**

**Lived Experience (LEX) Continuum Roundtable**

- Melanie Gartside, M.Ed, IMH-E, LPC  
Coordinator, Oklahoma Family Support Network  
Oklahoma State Department of Health and Roundtable Facilitator

Participants will engage in a discussion and reflect on their past experiences of partnering with parents and/or youth who have lived experiences. They will also determine what level of the Lived Experience Expert (LEX) continuum they are most frequently partnering with parents and/or youth LEX and ways one can progress along the continuum. This activity aims to foster an inclusive environment that values diverse perspectives and promotes deeper understanding among participants toward improving the capacity and infrastructure of state and local programs to integrate parent and/or youth voice and leadership along the continuum to strengthen families.

**3:30 PM**

**Legislative Update, Interim Studies Report, and Advocacy Review**

- Anne Roberts  
Government Relations Consultant

**3:55 PM**

**Closing Remarks**

AJ Griffin, Ed.D., CEO, Potts Family Foundation, and Event Emcee

**4:00 PM**

**Convening Ends**