

ANTI- RACIST ALLIANCE

The Anti-Racist Alliance is a movement for racial equity. We are an organizing collective of human service practitioners and educators whose vision is to bring a clear and deliberate anti-racist structural power analysis to social service education and practice.

PRESENTING

Featured Speakers

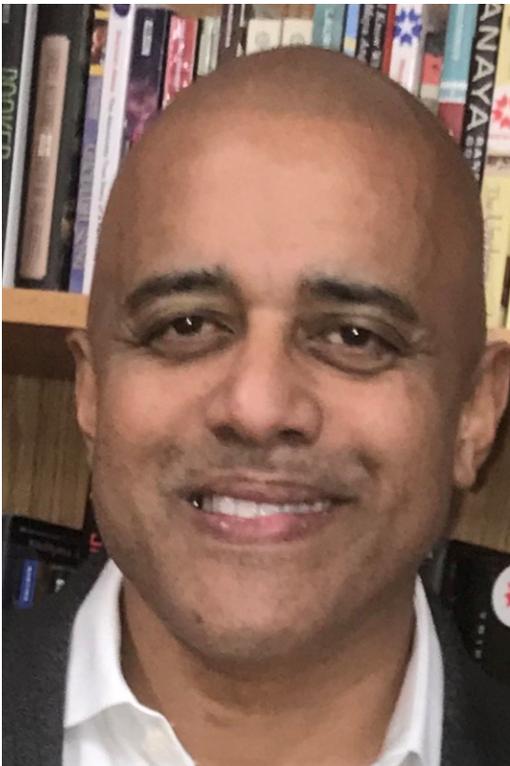


Yvette R Murry

President/CEO of YRM Consulting Group

Yvette R. Murry is the President/CEO of YRM Consulting Group; a minority and female-owned firm. For over 25 years, Yvette has been dedicated to improving civil society by increasing the efficacy of leaders and guiding transformative change in non-profits, government, and businesses domestically and abroad. She is an expert in the integration of DEI as part of organizational culture, a licensed clinical social worker, and an executive coach.

Dr. Jeremy Christopher Kohomban **President and CEO of The Children's Village**



Dr. Jeremy Christopher Kohomban is the President and CEO of The Children's Village and the President of Harlem Dowling. The Children's Village, founded in 1851, and Harlem Dowling, founded in 1831, provide a broad continuum of residential and community-embedded programs serving 15,000 annually.

Jeremy is an author, an activist, and always a pragmatic leader. He played a leading role in the family support, juvenile justice and residential treatment reforms that are transforming systems. He is driven by the belief that every child, regardless of age, deserves a family, and he is outspoken about the social justice antecedents that drive child welfare and juvenile justice. Under his leadership, The Children's Village, the nation's oldest and once the largest children's residential treatment center, has been transformed into a national model for community-embedded family support. The Children's Village is the Gold Prize winner of the New York Community Trust-New York Magazine's Nonprofit Excellence Awards, the US Congressional Coalition Angels in Adoption award, the Child Welfare League of America Exemplary Innovative Leadership Award and the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, Samuel Gerson Nordlinger Leadership Award.

Senators Wyden and Hatch added his name to the Congressional Record as an example of bipartisanship for his testimony to the US Senate Finance Committee calling for reform of the multi-billion Title 4E funding. Testimony that led to the passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). The Imprint notes that Dr. Kohomban was one of the most important off-the-Hill boosters of the FFPSA effort, described as the "biggest federal overhaul of foster care in decades". City Limits magazine identified him as a leader with a "clear vision for the future" and in his book, *From Pariahs to Partners, How Parents and their Allies Changed New York City's Child Welfare System*, David Tobis describes him as "one of the most parent-focused, reform-minded, and effective administrators in the field".

Jeremy chairs the Human Services Council, is the national co-chair of the Children Need Amazing Parents (CHAMPS) campaign, and a Trustee of Save the Children. He is a graduate of Emporia State University, Kansas, has a Masters from Long Island University, New York, a PhD from the School for Business and Leadership at Regent University, Virginia and a LittD (Honorary Doctor of Letters) from Mercy College, New York.

Select authored articles

The Brookings Institution – The foster care system was unprepared for the last drug epidemic

Stanford Social Innovation Review – The Systematic Starvation of Those Who Do Good

Federal Children's Bureau Express – Be the Leader Who Creates a New History

Chronicle of Philanthropy – Keeping Quiet About Wrongdoing at Nonprofits Only Makes Matters Worse

CNN video – Are my parents ok



Maria Imperial
CEO of the YWCA White Plains
& Central Westchester

Maria Imperial is the CEO of the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester, whose mission is eliminating racism and empowering women. Since 1929, the YWCA has pioneered social change through innovative programs that improve the lives of women and families. With a budget of \$8 million and 250 staff, each week the YWCA serves over 4,000 people and provides a home for 193 low-income women. Under Ms. Imperial's leadership, the YWCA completed a \$26 million green renovation of its Residence, a \$4 million bond refinancing of its North St. Activity Center, realigned the organization's programs to better reflect its mission, including the creation of a Center for Racial Equity and launched three signature events: the annual In the Company of Women luncheon, the Stand Against Racism and the Westchester Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Imperial has been recognized by Westchester914 as a 2018 Women in Business Awardee and received Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice Champion of Justice Award, the Westchester Human Rights Commission Award for promoting human rights in the County and also the Westchester Community Opportunity Program (WESTCOP) Community Service Award. She serves on the Board of Directors of Nonprofit Westchester and, the Fund for Modern Courts and participates in the Women in the Courts Committee for the Ninth Judicial District.

Ms. Imperial began her career working as an associate at O'Melveny and Myers law firm. She is a graduate of Harvard College, the Robert Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and Harvard Law School. She lives in Yonkers with her husband Roland Acevedo, their two children Alex and Allegra and loves all things Frida Kahlo.

Valerie Mason Cunningham
Chair, Board of Directors, Volunteer New York



Valerie Mason Cunningham is a diplomatic, dedicated, and respected Business Leader recognized for leading and inspiring people to deliver excellence. She is a change champion and long-term value driver who leverages global business acumen in operations, marketing, sales, communications, and finance to deliver exceptional results for large, small, and midsize enterprises. She engages actively in the advocacy, discussions, and design for a diverse workforce and work environment to embrace the power of inclusion.

Valerie exhibits the executive presence and leadership gravitas critical to engaging people, building consensus, collaborating with colleagues, and cultivating beneficial relationships. An exceptional presenter, speaker, facilitator, coach, and influencer, she has spent over 25 years working hand in glove with the C-suite to plan enterprise-level strategies, identify and capitalize on opportunities, and expand operational capabilities. She has been universally recognized for her strong work ethic, integrity, authenticity, a passion for helping others succeed, being results-oriented, and a high degree of personal initiative. She is a certified Lean Six Sigma green belt skilled in problem resolution to drive improved business results and organization design.

Valerie enjoyed a very successful career at Xerox Corporation with 38 years of progressive leadership and management experiences. Prior to her departure, she held the Vice President of Channel Marketing for North America Operations. She was named Senior Vice President, Sales and Client Services US-Operations, January 2012. In July 2011, she was appointed Vice President and Business Transformation Executive of the United States Client Operations Group working directly with the President and Corporate Officer of this Business Unit.

She began her Xerox career in June 1980 as a sales trainee in Long Island, NY. Assumed increasingly responsible roles in sales management, sales leadership, marketing, and operational positions, both domestic and globally. Included were District Manager Sales-NY Operations; Vice President and General Manager Document Production Systems group Xerox Canada, Ltd.; Vice President Worldwide Marketing Support Operations Production Systems Group; Vice President Sales and Marketing Operations General Markets Group; Vice President Operations and Business Development Emerging Markets Customer Operations Group (Russia, China, Hong Kong, and India), Vice President Corporate Marketing Services and Vice President US House Account Operations.

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Valerie served as a board member on the University of Connecticut –Stamford location Business School Advisory Board, served on the Vendor Advisory Council for CompTIA. She proudly serves currently as the Chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for Volunteer New York!, a Board of Trustee member of Mercy College, and is a member of the executive committee for the Friends of URI (Urban Resource Institute) focused on Domestic Violence.

Valerie earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business management and marketing communications, with a concentration in computer science from the State University of New York Old Westbury. Valerie received an honorary Doctorate of Commercial Science degree from Mercy College. She has received several business and community awards including the Women's Executive Achievement and Community Service Award from the YWCA Greenwich CT and was featured on the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour highlighting Xerox: Strength in Diversity.

She is a mentor, executive business coach, a certified iPEC CPC (certified professional coach), and a certified iPEC ELI-MP (energy leadership index master practitioner) coach; and advisor to many. Valerie is the founder and managing principal of PRIDE Matters LLC, a consulting and coaching firm. Her mission, by sharing her own experiences, is to inspire others to strive to maximize their own potential, knowing the transformative power that will have in their lives. She currently resides in Westchester County, New York, with her husband and son.

Keith Timko

Executive Director/CEO at Support Center



Keith is Executive Director/CEO at Support Center, and leads efforts to develop and promote an integrated and collaborative approach to capacity building for nonprofit organizations and social enterprises. Prior to joining Support Center, Keith was the Director & CEO with Build with Purpose, a nonprofit real estate development organization. Keith brings over twenty years of experience in community development including: involvement in educational reform issues with The Center for Collaborative Education in New York City; experience in leadership development and management programs as the former President of the Leader to Leader Institute (formerly the Peter F. Drucker Foundation); and exposure to policy and community development approaches across the country during his time with Living Cities: The National Community Development Initiative. Keith has a Bachelor's degree in History and Russian from Rutgers University and a Master in Business Administration from Columbia University.