



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.