

Jaymi Furniss-Jones

Jaymi studied Spanish and Social Work with an emphasis in trauma at Baylor University. In Waco, Jaymi placed infants and children of incarcerated women into temporary foster homes and worked to maintain visitation and bonding opportunities for mother and child. She worked with foster families to develop relationships with biological families and prevent termination of rights of the incarcerated parent.

In Washington, D.C., Jaymi worked as an Employment Specialist for homeless individuals with a criminal record. She facilitated life and workplace skill seminars and developed relationships with local businesses to hire and promote individuals who successfully completed the program, regardless of their criminal history.

Outside of her professional capacity, Jaymi volunteered as Accountability Team Leader for individuals accused of crime in a Transformative Justice Project. This project served as an opportunity for both accused and victim to learn, heal and grow outside of the formal criminal justice system.

As Chairperson for the Coalition of Housing and Homeless Organizations Transitional Team, Jaymi wrote comprehensive reform recommendations on city-wide policy for the homeless population to D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray. During that time, she provided services to the dual diagnosed mentally ill and HIV+ citizens of D.C.

Jaymi volunteered for Cedar Park Victim Services as a advocate for all survivors of crime, encouraging individuals to heal from trauma without hate, fear or retribution. She is certified in Critical Incident Stress Management and is a Licensed Social Worker with the state of Texas.