

## **Brooke Burns**

Brooke Burns is Chief Counsel of the Juvenile Department at the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. She joined the agency in 2006 as an appellate staff attorney, where a significant portion of her post-disposition advocacy focused on challenging the application of Ohio's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act ("SORNA") to children. She now manages a team of juvenile justice advocates who represent youth throughout Ohio's juvenile and criminal justice systems in trial level proceedings, state and federal appeals and post-conviction actions, and in conditions of confinement. Brooke is a member of a number of statewide juvenile justice initiatives, including JDAI and the Juvenile Justice Subcommittees of the Criminal Sentencing Commission and the Governor's Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness. Brooke is a certified JTIP Trainer, member of the National Juvenile Defender Center's Central Region Advisory Board, and Adjunct Professor of Law at Capital University Law School, where she teaches Juvenile Law.

## **Gabriella Celeste**

Gabriella Celeste is the Policy Director for CWRU's Schubert Center for Child Studies, Co-Director of the Childhood Studies Program and Adjunct Assistant Professor teaching child policy. The Center bridges child-related research, education, and policy to promote effective public policy and practice for the well-being of children. Gabriella's recent policy efforts address juvenile justice reforms, school practices and discipline, police-youth interactions and childhood lead prevention. She teaches policy courses, supervises the child policy externship program, and conducts trainings and presentations on topics related to child well-being and developmentally-informed policies and practices. Her trainings have included workshops with social workers, teachers, attorneys, law enforcement and other stakeholders interacting with young people. She also serves as the Co-Chair of the Policy Committee of the ADMHAS Board Mental Health Response Advisory Committee as part of the Cleveland Division of Police Consent Decree, overseeing the development of recently adopted crisis-intervention policies in partnership with CDP and other stakeholders. Before co-founding a juvenile justice legal organization in Louisiana, Gabriella worked in various roles, including conducting applied research and technical assistance for foundations, nonprofit and government agencies, focusing on vulnerable children. Her early work includes working with mentally ill teenagers, developing a "restorative justice" program for court-involved youth and working with families in crisis. Gabriella is a member of the Ohio Public Defender Commission, was recently appointed to a newly formed county advisory board to the Division of Children and Family Services, and serves on the Magnolia Clubhouse Board of Directors. Honors include the Suzanne Brookhart Harrison Award for Exceptional Service to Children from Beech Brook and the 2017 Community Partner Collaboration and 2016 Child Advocate of the Year Awards by the county ADMHAS Board. She has a B.S. from Northwestern University and J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and lives with her husband and two sons in Shaker Heights, Ohio.