

Dana R. Boylan, Esq.

Biography

Attorney Dana Boylan currently serves as Executive Director of Nassau County's Office of Youth Services where she is responsible for funding, providing fiscal and administrative oversight and, most importantly, supporting the youth development and prevention programs of over 40 nonprofit agencies across Nassau County. Her responsibilities include ensuring that Nassau County's commitment to positive development and prevention is successfully effectuated and sustained. Ms. Boylan's office supports effective youth programs designed to address or prevent youth challenges and aide Nassau County youth to achieve success, reduce likelihood of involvement in risky behaviors or involvement in the criminal justice system.

Recognizing that youth challenges, if left unaddressed, directly impacts the successful growth of Nassau County communities, under her leadership the Office of Youth Services helps provide other connections to resources including motivational speakers, educational workshops, other youth experiences focused on cultural and career exposure, training and development. Ms. Boylan's focus on prevention and youth development also includes supporting collaborative partnerships and synergies with other government agencies, academia and corporations to coordinate and implement youth-focused experiences.

In recent past, Dana Boylan served as an Assistant District Attorney with over 13 years of service at the Nassau County District Attorney's office. There, as Director of Community Re-entry Initiatives and Youth Development Programming, her primary areas of focus was community relations, re-entry and youth development.

In that role, she led her team in designing and implementing a New York State DCJS-supported and funded gang and gun outreach program, other prevention and intervention initiatives for youth and young adults including mentoring, and paid internship programs for youths and adults involved in the criminal justice system.

She is most proud of designing, implementing and piloting an Alternative-to-Incarceration plea initiative "COTA Pleas" and the successful outcomes she and her team achieved in helping young adult offenders exist the criminal justice system and reducing their likelihood of recidivating or recycling back into the system. She worked collaboratively with other government and community partners to develop and implement initiatives and learning opportunities that serve to empower and promote community and youth development.

Active in mentoring and youth outreach for over 25 years, Ms. Boylan has volunteered her time to serve as a motivational speaker about youth-related issues; has implemented and coordinated a mentoring program in Westbury School District on behalf of the Nassau County Bar Association. She has also served on the board of several organizations that serve Nassau County youth, and is a past president of her community's civic association.

Ms. Boylan obtained her Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law in 2004, after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from St. John's University.

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