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## Working Upstream Community Panel Bios



### **Jenn Holcomb**

*Director of Government Affairs  
Council on Foundations*

Jenn Holcomb is the Council on Foundation's Director of Government Relations.

Prior to joining the Council, Jenn worked at 1,000 Days, a D.C. based non-profit focused on the nutrition, health and wellbeing of moms and young children in the critical 1,000-day window. As Director of U.S. Advocacy and Policy, she led the organization's domestic policy, research, and advocacy efforts. Prior to 1,000 Days, Jenn worked on a range of policy issues both on Capitol Hill as well as state government. She earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Minnesota.



### **Allan Oliver**

*Executive Director  
Thornburg Foundation*

Allan Oliver is the Executive Director of the Thornburg Foundation. He oversees the Foundation's Strategic Initiatives in early childhood education, good government reforms and food and agriculture, as well as Community Funding grants for human services and civil rights, opportunities for children and youth, environmental protection, and public policy.

Allan served as Cabinet Secretary-Designate and Deputy Secretary for the New Mexico Economic Development Department. Allan also served as Director of Cabinet Affairs administering monthly cabinet meetings, and as Deputy Communications Director he drafted five State of the State addresses, an inaugural address, as well as major US and foreign policy addresses.

He also established the Partnership for Responsible Business and the New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce, a business association with over 1100 members supporting renewable energy technology and responsible business practices.

Mr. Oliver earned a Master's in Public Administration from the Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and was named a William Hodson Fellow for International Public Service. He also served as an NGO specialist and initiated the municipal development program for the US Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala.



**Amber Wallin**

*Executive Director*

*New Mexico Voices for Children*

Amber has been with NM Voices since 2012, when she was brought on as a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities fiscal policy fellow and later served as a research and policy analyst, the director of NM Voices' KIDS COUNT program, and Deputy Director before taking over as Executive Director in 2022. Amber is a state and nationally recognized expert on issues related to child and family well-being and fiscal policy.

She has served on multiple fiscal policy and child well-being advisory committees among policy networks, philanthropic organizations, and governmental bodies and regularly shares information and recommendations on how to build greater equity and opportunity for children and families. Born and raised in New Mexico, Amber received her Master of Public Administration degree from New Mexico State University and worked in the public sector at the city, state, and federal levels before joining NM Voices. She lives in Albuquerque with her husband and two young children.