

PSU Trainers and Staff



Chris Bowling bowling2@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 3 years- CPS and Perm casework
Likes: fishing, gardening, cooking, backpacking, treasure hunting, and travelling

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Samantha Castro castro3@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 7 years- internship, Temp Lodging SSA, CPS worker
Likes: dogs, spending time with my family and friends, coaching color guard, and my guilty pleasure is watching reality TV shows

she/her



Aimee Dickson aimeedi@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 22 years- CPS worker, permanency worker, court worker, CANS screener, safety consultant, Critical Incident Review Team and safe systems coordinator
Likes: FOOD! Traveling, paddling, camping, reading, gardening, live music, family

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Jose Maciel josmaci7@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 6 years- CPS Worker, Current Workforce Development and Training Manager
Likes: Enjoying time with his family and participating in the fútbol community by developing and supporting youth soccer officials.

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Julia Morrisey jcm26@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 7 years- Case Aide, CPS worker, ETWD Team, CRCWEP Graduate
Likes: spending time with her kids and pets, knitting and crocheting, spending time in nature and contemplating how to squeeze just a few more books into her bookshelf space

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Radhika Niles rhopkins@pdx.edu

CW Experience: Permanency worker, family engagement facilitator, permanency supervisor, Current Culturally Responsive Child Welfare Education Program Assistant Director
Likes: fishing, cooking, traveling, painting, and doing glasswork

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Kirstin O'Dell odellk@pdx.edu

Child Welfare Workforce Evaluations Manager
Likes: Kirstin loves paddling with her dragon boat team on the Willamette River in Salem and spending time with her husband, three grown children, and their mini-Ausie Doodle, Ruby.

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Katie Pleis (rhymes with fleece) kpleis@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 10 years- permanency caseworker, screener, CTS, permanency supervisor

Likes: playing board games, all kinds of comedy, cats, making good trouble, and spending time with my husband and two sons



he/him

Daniel Schneider daniel29@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 8 years- Permanency Worker, LAR

Worker, Academy Supervisor, Current Training Program Administrator

Likes: spending time with friends and family, gardening, reading, listening to music, and playing board and video games.



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Kyle Shumaker kyleshu@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 16 years- Perm caseworker, CPS caseworker, certifier, CPS supervisor

Likes: I have a lovely family, and we spend a lot of time at the beach. I like playing video games, D&D, and reading as much Stephen King/Joe Hill I can get my hands on. I have three cats, one dog, and a fish.



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Helen Terry helent@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 6 years- Bilingual worker, CPS worker, Permanency worker, Court Worker, Coaching and Training Specialist

Likes: spending time with her husband spoiling their two feline fur babies

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Priya Thakkar (pronounced Preeya Tucker)

pthakkar@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 16 years- perm caseworker, FIT/ART worker, Family Engagement Facilitator, perm supervisor

Fun facts: I live with lots of animals who look like cartoons and have twin human children. I love going for walks and looking in people's gardens. I am passionate about preserving access to healthcare, including gender affirming care, for all.



she/her

Sheila Warren warren25@pdx.edu

CW Experience: 6 years- CPS worker, screener, certifier, supervisor

Likes: hiking, being outdoors with her husband, daughter, and dog