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Dr. Nina Aledort is the Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Youth Development and Partnerships for Success with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

She has been a practitioner and policy maker for over 25 years with a focus on improving outcomes for youth with significant vulnerabilities, using positive youth development, gender-responsive frameworks and harm reduction. Her areas of expertise include LGBTQ, runaway and homeless, trafficked, and court-involved

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She is a founding co-chair of the NYS Partnership for Youth Justice and an author of several peer-reviewed articles. Dr. Aledort has presented nationally and internationally.

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