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Lynsey Amore Alvarenga (Amore, She/Her) is the inaugural Juvenile Justice Coordinator for the New York City Law Department Family Court Division where she produces a variety of practice enhancing resources and recommendations aimed at improving outcomes for youth and communities.

Her top priority is identifying and developing strategies to support vulnerable populations, including commercially sexually exploited children, crossover youth, girls, and LGBTQ+ youth. She facilitates intersectional trainings on the impact of trauma on youth and their communities, highlighting the importance of holistic, equity-focused responses. As a 2019 Youth Justice Leadership Institute Fellow, Amore launched the Family Court Division Pride Initiative (FCD Pride), a trauma and resiliency-informed systems change model to support, empower, and affirm LGBTQ+ youth and communities who come into contact with the system. As part of this initiative, she will co-lead a team of multi-agency stakeholders through the Georgetown Center for Juvenile Justice Reform's Supporting System-involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program to advance cross-system responses.



Additionally, Amore serves on the New York City Task Force to End Girls Incarceration and conducted an in depth study of girls cases to identify trends, assess impact, and inform policy and practice.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a double minor in Women and Gender Studies and Chicana Studies from Loyola Marymount University. She brings experience in direct service and healing work, community-led research, community-based advocacy, and innovative program development.

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