

# Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission

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Applicant	Date	Boards	Address	Contact	Status
Nicole Davi	3/26/2026	Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission <b>Contested (Incumbent)</b>			<b>Validated</b>
Dr. Dominiqua Griffin	3/12/2026	Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission <b>Contested</b>	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		<b>Validated</b>
Abdul Wahid Gulrani	2/26/2026	Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission <b>Contested (RW)</b>			<b>Validated</b>

Nicole Davi

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Status

**Name** Nicole Davi  
**Application Date** 3/26/2026  
**Expiration Date** 10/26/2026  
**Board Member** Nicole Davi  
**Status** Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

Board	Vacancies	Status
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission	1	<span>Contested (Incumbent)</span>

Basic Information

**Name**  
Nicole Davi  
**Date of Birth**  
REDACTED

Contact Information

**Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria.**  
**(NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)**  
No  
**Email**  
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**Phone**  
REDACTED

Occupation

**Employer (student and youth applicants list school)**  
National Council For Adoption  
**Job Title**  
REDACTED

**New Applicant or Current Member**

Current Member of This Board

**How many terms have you served?**

1

**What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)**

Children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience member

**Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.**

No

**Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)**

I am excited for the opportunity to renew my term on the City of Alexandria's Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission. Serving on this commission has been an incredible opportunity to learn about the work happening at the local level to support children, youth, and families. I have gained valuable insights into city programs, policies, and collaborative efforts, and I am eager to be even more active in this next term. I look forward to contributing to and helping advance the goals of the new Children and Youth Community Plan. I am committed to supporting the CYFCC in engaging with key community partners, youth, and families to ensure that Alexandria's children have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. Although my address has changed, I still live just a few minutes from Alexandria city, and still work in the city, and plan to remain engaged and accessible throughout my term.

**Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?**

Yes (Please explain), Current CYFCC Member

**Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?**

Yes

**Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?**

No

**Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?**

No

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Yes

**If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?**

Yes

**Educational Background**

Bachelor of Science in Family Youth and Community Sciences from the University of Florida.

**Summary of Work and Experience**

In my role at the National Council For Adoption, I facilitate the development and dissemination of our research initiatives aimed at informing policymakers and professionals and improving service provision for foster and adoptive families. Recently, I've been leading the completion of our Profiles and Adoption research, which studies the lived experience of adoptees, adoptive parents, and birth parents. This research fills vital gaps in existing knowledge about these groups and helps establish a better public understanding of their perspectives, experiences, and needs. Additionally, I was recently honored to be accepted into the International Conference on Adoption Research's Training Institute, a prestigious symposium for a small number of researchers and service providers focused on ensuring a safe, permanent family for all children. I've aimed to diversify my experience across various roles within the child welfare system to gain a comprehensive understanding of its complexities and the multifaceted needs of children and families. I've held roles in adoption education, dependency case management, policy analysis, and research. Prior to my current position, I served as an Adoption Education Manager, where I expanded our educational resources to better address critical issues impacting adoptees, birth parents, adoptive parents and others in the adoption community. My academic achievements include graduating magna cum laude with a B.S. in Family Youth and Community Sciences from the University of Florida. I was awarded the Presidential Service Award and was named a UF Top 10 Senior for my academic achievement and community involvement. I also conducted an undergraduate thesis on the barriers to foster parent recruitment, to help further explore the motivations for foster parenting and encourage further analysis of improvements to foster parent recruitment efforts. This research was published in the Children and Youth Services Review, a reputable scholarly journal. I was also awarded the University Scholars Award and the Haskell Scholars Award for my research contributions. In addition to my professional endeavors, I am deeply committed to serving the community and advocating for vulnerable populations. I currently serve as a Commissioner on the City of Alexandria's Children Youth and Families Collaborative Commission. Additionally, I volunteer with the DC Family & Youth Initiative, which involves providing crucial support to teens in foster care, helping them establish meaningful connections and find familial bonds. This involves attending regular events dedicated to strengthening bonds and fostering a sense of belonging with teens at risk of aging out of foster care. I also volunteer with Second Story's Assisting Young Mothers program. In this role, I lead hands-on developmental activities for toddlers and infants of young mothers experiencing homelessness. During this time, young mothers have the opportunity to engage in parenting and employment trainings. This experience has been incredibly fulfilling and has provided yet another opportunity to better understand the needs of vulnerable families in our local community. I have also volunteered with organizations such as Guardian ad Litem, Children's Legal Services, and Foster Florida, where I had the opportunity to support children in foster care, foster families, and state attorneys. Each of these opportunities expanded my insights into the needs of foster youth, foster parents and social workers and allowed me to support the foster care system in vital ways. This work is deeply meaningful in my life; it grounds me, motivates me, and allows me to connect with others in my community and offer meaningful support.

**References - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.**

REDACTED

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**Gender**

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**Sexual Orientation**

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**Ethnicity**

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**Do you have a disability?**

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**How did you hear of this vacancy?**

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Status

Name: Dr. Dominiqua Griffin
Application Date: 3/12/2026
Expiration Date: 10/12/2026
Board Member: Dominiqua Griffin
Status: Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

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Basic Information

Name: Dr. Dominiqua Griffin
Date of Birth: REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
Yes
Email: REDACTED
Alternate email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school): NS Walker Global
Job Title: REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Member and Citizen

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

4 yrs

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

It is with great enthusiasm that I apply for the vacant position on Alexandria's Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission. I have leadership experience in school-family-community partnerships, with a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision and a Dual Title in Comparative and International Education from Penn State. I previously worked on federal health policy, with roles at HHS, NIH, and the U.S. Senate. Some of these roles are described below, along with my experiences as a professor in which I engaged in policy and partnership work. I have a deep passion for driving equitable access through policy, research, strategic advocacy, and coalition-building that informs positive outcomes for children and families. I have in-depth policy experience that will be a strong fit for this role. Most recently, I served as a policy advisor to the Secretary of HHS. I managed and edited HHS' equities in the Biden-Harris Administration's national strategy on behavioral health workforce, and gun violence prevention executive order and executive actions. I worked collaboratively to build coalitions and meet with key stakeholders to identify federal resources and actionable solutions to address policy challenges. My portfolio included SAMHSA, Medicaid, all mental and behavioral health across HHS, health-related social needs, gun violence prevention, tribal affairs, and global affairs. As a legislative fellow in Senator Chris Coons' office, I worked on the health and education portfolio. This experience provided opportunities to engage in strategic partnerships and collaborations, meet with constituents, and identify state needs, while advocating for and writing federal policy to address such concerns in K-12 education, HBCUs, national service, and educator burnout. I am most interested in volunteering in a role where I can further my skills, engage in key negotiations, and create opportunities for all people in the Alexandria community where I reside. At the National Institutes of Health, I worked to develop collaborations with HBCUs, MSIs, and other organizations. I informed institutions about the health research opportunities for collegiate students and postdoctoral fellows in cancer research. As the advisor to the National Cancer Institute's Black Cancer Researchers organization, I provided career exploration opportunities for fellows and made necessary introductions to industry and policy professionals. Before transitioning to a full-time career in policy, I was a tenure-track professor of School Counseling, and I oversaw the Master's program at California State University-Fresno. My research focused on school-family-community partnerships, both domestically and abroad. I also had a line of research in international school counseling policy, specifically centering Barbados' school counselor roles, practices, challenges, and demands. I worked closely with the Barbados Ministry of Education and its national association of guidance counselors to begin developing a national model of school counseling for the island and create positive experiences for their children and youth. My work with government officials in Barbados continued, and I provided webinars on policies and best practices for school counselors during the pandemic. I am the first author on two school counseling articles in a prestigious counseling journal, a book chapter on Barbados school counseling practices, and I co-authored an article on educator burnout and a book chapter on school-family-community partnerships. I regularly present at national and international

conferences. These efforts reflect my ability to design and lead cross-sector initiatives, translate research and evidence into recommendations for the broader community, and improve outcomes at scale. Other responsibilities at the university included reviewing the graduate program's policies and updating them to make sure mental health students received the best opportunities and exposure to the field during their course of study, while maintaining national accreditation. I worked closely with the local school districts to strengthen the relationship and improve our program's impact. I am most interested in learning how I can support the work that the Commission is engaged in, and help to positively impact children, youth, and families. Truly, I am looking forward to speaking with you soon!

**Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?**

No

**Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?**

No

**Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?**

No

**Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?**

No

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Yes

**If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?**

Yes

#### **Educational Background**

Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision with a Dual-Title in Comparative and International Education from the Pennsylvania State University; M.Ed. in School Counseling from Howard University; B.A. in Sociology with a minor in African American Studies from SUNY University at Buffalo

#### **Summary of Work and Experience**

I am a counselor, policy professional, and higher education leader with experience spanning mental health, federal policy, research, and program leadership. I currently serve as a Principal Consultant and Counselor at NS Walker Global, where I provide counseling services to youth and adults and advise senior public sector and industry leaders on behavioral health, community safety, and public health policy strategy. Previously, I served as a Biden-Harris political appointee, as a Policy Advisor to the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where I managed a complex behavioral health and health policy portfolio and supported national initiatives on Medicaid, the behavioral health workforce, gun violence prevention, and health-related social needs. My earlier federal experience includes work at the National Institutes of Health and as a legislative fellow in the U.S. Senate, where I supported education and health policy development, stakeholder engagement, and legislative strategy. In addition to my policy work, I bring extensive experience in higher education and community impact. As a tenure-track Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, I led a graduate school counseling program, advised students, revamped the scholarship criteria, and built partnerships with school districts and international education stakeholders, including consulting with the Barbados Ministry of Education on school counseling policy. I am also the Founder of Black Women PhDs, a global platform that has highlighted over 1,600 scholars and built an international community focused on mentorship, overall wellbeing, and providing resources. Throughout my career, I have remained committed to strengthening mental health systems globally, expanding educational access, and bridging the gap between research, policy, and practice to improve outcomes for students, families, and communities.

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**Ethnicity**

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**Do you have a disability?**

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**How did you hear of this vacancy?**

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Status

**Name** Abdul Wahid Gulrani  
**Application Date** 2/26/2026  
**Expiration Date** 9/26/2026  
**Board Member** [Abdul Wahid Gulrani](#)  
**Status** Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

Board	Vacancies	Status
<a href="#">Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission</a>	1	<span style="background-color: #007bff; color: white; padding: 2px;">Contested (RW)</span>

Basic Information

**Name**  
Abdul Wahid Gulrani  
**Date of Birth**  
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Contact Information

**Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)**  
No  
**Email**  
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**Phone**  
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Occupation

**Employer (student and youth applicants list school)**  
The George Washington University.  
**Job Title**  
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Community member – expertise in refugee youth, education, and family integration

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

Yes

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I am an Afghan sociologist and visiting scholar affiliated with George Washington University and Georgetown University, specializing in refugee integration, education, and family adaptation in post-conflict contexts. My current research examines the experiences of Afghan children in American schools, focusing on language placement, trauma, family-school communication, and long-term educational outcomes. I have also worked with international organizations on migration and community development programs and am building a nonprofit initiative that supports Afghan families in Northern Virginia. I am interested in serving on the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission because Alexandria is home to many immigrant and refugee families whose children face complex challenges in education, mental health, and social integration. I hope to contribute research-based insight, connect community voices with city services, and support policies that improve coordination among schools, nonprofits, and local agencies. My goal is to help ensure that refugee and immigrant children have equitable access to education, safety, and opportunity, while strengthening trust between families and local institutions.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

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Yes

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Yes

**Educational Background**

• Ph.D. Sociology, Tubingen University, Germany-2023 • Bachelor of Art- Sociology, Herat University, Herat-Afghanistan, 2017.

**Summary of Work and Experience**

Dr. Abdulwahid Gulrani is an Afghan sociologist and Affiliate Scholar at the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM) at Georgetown University, as well as a Visiting Scholar at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. He specializes in refugee integration, education, human rights, and national security, with particular focus on Afghan migrant families and children in the United States. He previously served as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Herat University and Vice Chancellor for Research at Roshan Afghanistan Online University. His professional experience includes research and policy work with international organizations, human rights groups, and academic institutions on migration, gender, peacebuilding, and post-conflict societies. He is also the Founder and President of the nonprofit Arise Initiative for Migration, Education & Development (AIMED), which supports Afghan diaspora communities through research and community programs. Dr. Gulrani has authored books and numerous scholarly and policy publications, received international research grants, and presented his work at institutions including Georgetown University, the World Bank, Oxford University, and the European Parliament. He brings extensive experience in mixed-methods research, community engagement, and policy-oriented analysis related to children, youth, and immigrant families.

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