



ARCC's 50th Anniversary Special Guest Speaker

Katherine Lucero

Katherine Lucero is Director of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) within the California Health and Human Service Agency where she is leading the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment. Prior to her appointment to this position, she had been the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division for Santa Clara County Superior Court, where her responsibilities included presiding over the Juvenile Justice Dual Diagnosis Court (which she founded in 2014) and the Santa Clara

County Dually Involved Youth (DIY) Court. She holds the distinction of being the first Latina Judge to be appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court. Director Lucero has focused on justice for children and families throughout her judicial career and brought the Educational Champion concept to Juvenile Justice in Santa Clara County, resulting in a robust Justice Ed program that prioritizes school engagement as a key resiliency marker. Over the past thirty years, she has served on numerous committees, panels, boards, councils, and projects on behalf of the community, and has trained judges, child welfare professionals, and juvenile justice stakeholders on various issues, including such topics as Collaborative & Trauma Informed Court Systems and the Disproportionate Impact of the Child Welfare System on Children of Color.