

Biostatement for John McLaughlin, Team Kids, Inc. Advisory Committee Member; Education Program Specialist, Federal Government



John McLaughlin has been the Federal coordinator for the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program at the U.S. Department of Education since 2008 and also the coordinator of Prevention and Intervention Programs for the Education of Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk (Title I, Part D of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act) until 2015. Prior to that, he was the State Coordinator for homeless, and neglected or delinquent education programs with the Minnesota Department of Education. He has been an educator in the fields of teaching English as a Second Language, migrant education, teacher education and service learning. John started out as a counselor at a group home for runaway and at-risk youth in New Haven, Connecticut in 1988. He was also a high school and university ESL and social studies teacher in Japan, and later a teacher educator at the University of Michigan, English Language Institute. He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Yale University, a master's degree in public administration from International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, and a doctorate in education from Temple University.

John has served on the Advisory Council for Team Kids since 2014 after his son participated in the Team Kids Challenge at an elementary school in Arlington, Virginia. He has helped advise Team Kids to develop an evidence base for the impact of the Team Kids Challenge and to navigate Federal education and justice grant programs.

“Team Kids is important to me because it empowers children to experience their collective leadership and the impact they can have on their communities at a young age, boosts school climate and socio-emotional learning without taking up any instructional time, and helps children to develop early positive relationships with first responders in the community (fire and public safety). I've seen it work with children of all backgrounds.”