



COALITION FOR
JUVENILE JUSTICE

ANDREW
SMITH AWARD
2023

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Each year, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) leaders, members, and allies gather to recognize and celebrate one outstanding Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator who is doing exemplary work in the effort to end racial and ethnic disparities.

CJJ hopes this phenomenal individual inspires others to serve their communities with the same distinction.

ANDREW SMITH AWARD

The 2023 Andrew Smith Award is presented to Shalain Garcia of New York. Shalain is recognized for her contributions to addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the youth justice system. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice is honored to present this award to Shalain for her outstanding dedication to racial justice.



The award is named to pay tribute to Andrew Smith, an incredible voice for youth and a pivotal Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator. Mr. Smith served as New Hampshire's Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator and was responsible for the creation of the Mirror Project, an effort to bring together law enforcement and youth.

SHALAIN GARCIA

Shalain Garcia is currently the Criminal Justice Policy Analyst and Statewide Race Equity Coordinator for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Shalain has demonstrated a devotion to reducing R/ED in the state of New York.

Shalain works constantly to improve her local community. She has implemented community-centered strategies that have resulted in reduced inequities and serve as a model for others doing this work. Shalain has leaned into the power of cross-system collaboration and developing communal trust.

Young people across New York are benefiting from the meaningful work Shalain has done and continues to do. She makes it a point that children's voices and needs are not only heard, but are answered.

Please join us in honoring Shalain as this year's Andrew Smith Awardee.

SHALAIN GARCIA

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Andrew Smith Award

Past award winners of the Andrew Smith Award include:

Andrew Smith (NH) posthumously,

Anna Lopez (CO),

William Jernigan (MD),

Craig Hargrow (TN).

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