



2018 Butler Awards – Community Leadership

Anne H. Harutunian

Anne has been a long-time member of the CAN Community Council, having served since 2000 and served in numerous leadership positions, including twice as Chair. Anne's selfless service to the Council and to the CAN organization has yielded very positive outcomes for the organization and our community as a whole. Anne exemplifies an unflappable commitment to community advancement and a sincere dedication to identifying solutions to our community and society's biggest challenges. Community Council analyses and reports she supported and authored have provided specific frameworks (in the case of Person-Centered Care) and recommendations (in the case of Child Poverty) to better understand and describe these populations, know what is most important to understand about them and to better address them.

In addition, in her capacity as a CASA of Travis County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) advocate and board member, Anne has impacted the lives of countless individuals and families. And, as an engineer and owner of a small, woman-owned engineering firm, Anne was always able to reflect the perspective of the private sector, interject business management concepts, and offer out-of-the box solutions from a business perspective. She has served on the City of Austin's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Small Business Council Committees, and has been involved with and recognized by the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Jacquie Porter

Jacquie served as Early Childhood Director for the Austin ISD for almost 10 years and now serves as the Director for the Early Childhood Team at the Texas Education Agency. She has brought a great passion and unparalleled knowledge of early childhood education to a number of community collaborations and stakeholder groups. Jacquie serves as a champion for quality early education programs that are accessible for all children and has been integral to the development of innovative solutions to complex problems by collaborating across institutions. Her collaborative nature and strategic vision builds trusts across stakeholders and yields significant results for families with young children. Jacquie's involvement in Early Childhood Collaborations include:

- Community partnerships with Child Inc. & AISD Early Childhood Programs to improve access to Pre-K for children living in poverty.
- Pre-K Partnerships with community based child care providers to expand access to Pre-K programs for families requiring full-day care for children and to provide stability to child care centers that serve low-income children.
- Member of the School Readiness Action Plan Leadership Team.
- Member of QC3 (Quality Care Collaborative) for Austin/Travis County.
- Member of Early Childhood Results Count Steering Committee and PreK3 Quality Workgroup.
- Member of the City of Austin Early Childhood Council, leader of the Public Engagement Workgroup.
- Volunteer with the Austin Chapter for the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TAEYC).