



## **John A. Tuell**

John A. Tuell currently serves as the Executive Director for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice at RFK Community Alliance. The RFK National Resource Center focuses on practice and policy reform through an active commitment to partnerships with state, local and federal agencies dedicated to improving the lives of our nation's youth.

Mr. Tuell has devoted his entire professional career to practice within and reform on behalf of the juvenile justice and related youth serving systems. Mr. Tuell began his career in the Fairfax County, Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court by working as a probation officer, intake and residential group care worker, and Administrator for twenty-two bed, residential facility for chronically delinquent boys, covering the period from 1979-1996. Mr. Tuell has also served in the U.S. Department of Justice within the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (1996-2001), within the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) where he directed the newly created Juvenile Justice Division (2001-2009), and finally with RFK Community Alliance (formerly Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps) where he founded and launched the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice in December 2013.

Among numerous guiding publications that support the work of the National Resource Center, Mr. Tuell was the primary author for the Developmental Reform in Juvenile Justice: Translating the Science of Adolescent Development to Sustainable Best Practice Brief (2017) and for the newly released innovation brief entitled Keys to Youth Justice Improvement: Demonstration of Practical, Sustainable, Measurable, and Replicable Solutions (February 2023) which highlights the process, challenges, and achievement of six jurisdictions that undertook a comprehensive review of their youth justice system and implemented positive reforms to produce improved youth outcomes. Mr. Tuell has also authored several guiding publication resources on the topics of probation and youth justice

system reform, dual status youth, and diversion that provide a technical assistance framework for state and local jurisdictions to achieve positive outcomes.

Mr. Tuell earned his Bachelor of Social Work degree from James Madison University and his Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from George Washington University. He is the proud father of two sons, Austin (age 33) and Zachary (age 28).