

**Reimagining Child Welfare: Equitable Models for Collaborative Family
Leadership**

**Thursday, December 9, 2021
10-11am Pacific / 1-2pm Eastern**

Panelist Biographies

Jeanette Vega

*Co- Executive Director for Leadership and Policy
RISE*

Jeanette Vega is a proud mother of 4 awesome boys and a loving husband. She was born and raised in Brooklyn with a Puerto Rican background. She has been advocating for the past 17 years for family rights in NYC. Jeanette is a graduate of the Child Welfare Organizing Project, the first Parent Advocate to sit in a child safety conference. She has worked as a Parent Advocate at a foster care agency for 5 years. Currently Jeanette is the Co-Executive Director for Leadership and Policy at RISE. Her commitment is to continue uplifting parents' voices and power to make systematic changes that support families wellbeing.



Marv Neal

*Executive Director
365Dad*

Marv Neal is a Father and the Founder of 365Dad Inc. 365Dad's mission is to connect, equip and transform men with positive parenting practices to build better families through education, support, and services. He is a public speaker, facilitator, trainer and champion of fathers responsibilities and rights.



Ronda Alexander (Moderator)

Director of National Partnerships, Vital Village Networks at Boston Medical Center

Ronda Alexander is a native Detroit native dedicated to working with communities to reach their desired goals by aligning and leveraging their resources. Ronda joins us from the United Way for Southeastern Michigan where she served as the Director of Corporate and Community Alignment on the organization's College and Career Pathways team. In her role at United Way Ronda worked to help external corporate partners find meaningful ways to engage with both students and educators; as well as worked across teams within the organization to align and leverage resources. Prior to joining United Way Ronda worked on the premier education initiative of Ford Motor Company Fund – Ford Next Generation (Ford NGL) for nine years. While at Ford Fund Ronda served a variety of roles including Professional Development/Technical Assistance Specialist and Program Manager for STEM initiatives. In all of her roles with Ford Fund Ronda worked with and supported multiple communities across the country as they worked to transform their communities through education.

