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Ileana Aguilar (she/her/hers)

Ileana Aguilar is the Interim Director of the Community Education Program at SAFE, where she offers community engagement and educational activities to civic and professional groups. Prior to SAFE Ileana worked as a therapist for survivors of sexual abuse. In the past, Ileana has worked as a teacher and as a counselor, in different settings; including educational, mental health and social services agencies, both in Mexico and in the United States.



Amy Averett (she/her/hers)

Amy Averett is the Director of the SAFE Institute, where she leads marketing, client engagement, and consulting services. Prior to joining SAFE, Amy served as Sr. Director of Culture & Community for a national cinema chain with over 7k employees. She is an experienced trainer and community organizer and has worked in the entertainment/hospitality, nonprofit, and education settings.



Kiki Avilez (she/her/hers)

Kiki Avilez is the senior Family Guide at Planet SAFE, a supervised visitation program of The SAFE Alliance. Her role as a Family Guide revolves around safety planning and providing a safe environment where children can visit parents. She has over 15 years of experience working in the service industry, five of those were bartending in Austin and New York City, has stage managed major SXSW music showcases for four years, and spent one year in the tech industry.



Triniti Bunton (she/her/hers)

Triniti Bunton is the Program Manager of the SAFE Rapid Re-Housing team. Her day-to-day work includes helping individuals/families with barriers access and maintain affordable housing. Before returning to Austin, her hometown, she got her start working with Domestic and Sexual Violence survivors while living in the Washington DC metropolitan area. In addition to her nonprofit experience, Triniti has held positions in educational settings, hospitality and local government.



Jasmine Matthews (she/her/hers)

Jasmine Matthews is the Director of the Emergency Care Program at SAFE Children's Shelter. Her day-to-day work includes program management for the emergency shelter while also supporting youth who have experienced trauma and are currently in the child protection system. Jasmine is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and received her Masters of Science in Social Worker from the University of Texas at Austin.



Sandra Molinari (she/her/hers)

Sandra Molinari is our Lead BASE Trainer and has worked with top Central Texas businesses to help foster thriving, safe workplace cultures and prevent sexual harassment. She is responsible for planning and managing an accomplished team of trainers that promote an understanding of harassment and abuse in our community. In her 18 years of experience in training and program management, Sandra has designed and led hundreds of workshops on violence prevention and response, as well as culturally-responsive trainings for professionals in the United States and Latin America.



Jacqueline Smith-Francis (she/her/hers)

Jacqueline Smith-Francis is a Corporate Development Specialist for SAFE where she helps businesses align their philanthropic goals to impact survivors of violence and abuse. She worked previously as a Community Educator, providing outreach and training to BIPOC and LGTBQIA+ communities. In addition to her non-profit experience, Jacqueline taught at UT Austin, and has worked in government and private sectors in the areas of policy, project management, and client solutions.



Vincent Tovar (he/his/him)

Vincent Tovar is the Outreach Specialist for SAFE's Strong Start parenting classes. Though originally from the Dallas area, Vincent has lived in Austin since graduating from UT with a degree in elementary education. Since then, he has worked in restaurants, schools, low-income housing complexes, as a deejay, and managed political campaigns.



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