



Kaysie Getty

Kaysie Getty is a child welfare expert and a passionate advocate for young people and their families. With extensive experience in community-based services, state systems, and national policy, she has dedicated her career to fostering change and uplifting marginalized communities. A New Jersey native, Kaysie serves as a Senior Program Analyst at the Center for the Study of Social Policy, where she works on the Youth Thrive Initiative. Previously, she was the Youth Programming Advisor at the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, where she established a statewide Youth Council that amplifies the voices of young people with lived experiences in shaping policy, practice, and operations.

Kaysie is a skilled facilitator, speaker, and trainer, focusing on youth engagement, healing-centered approaches, and leadership development. She co-hosts the "Diaries of a Black Girl in Foster Care" podcast, highlighting the unique challenges faced by Black girls in the foster care system. Additionally, she serves as a national consultant and Support Coach for the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) through JBS International Inc.

Her work has earned her several accolades, including the 2020 Child Welfare League of America's 100 Champions for Children Award and the 2022 Re-Envision Foster Care in America Award from The Treehouse Foundation. Kaysie holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in social work from Rutgers University School of Social Work. She is also the founder of Kay of All Trades (KOAT) LLC, a creative service company that operates the Sew EdUcated Foundation, providing handmade stoles to foster youth and adults for their college graduations.