

Mindy Johnston M.S.

Mindy Johnston holds a Master of Science in Conflict Resolution and brings over 20 years of experience working with immigrant and refugee communities. For the past 15 years, she has worked in community-based restorative justice and victim/survivor services in Vancouver, WA and the Portland metropolitan area with Lutheran Community Services Northwest's *Justice Forward Department*, where she has developed and expanded culturally responsive programs, with a particular focus on historically underserved populations.

Mindy has designed and implemented restorative justice programs for youth in both pre- and post-adjudication settings, as well as for adults in pre-arrest, community-based diversion contexts. Her background also includes developing individualized support plans for youth in DHS custody residing in residential treatment facilities and supporting school-based literacy and engagement initiatives.

Beyond her work in victim services and restorative justice, Mindy is the President and Founder of Gamelan Rakyat and has directed the Venerable Showers of Beauty Gamelan for over 25 years. She currently teaches gamelan music at Lewis & Clark College and Portland State University, reflecting her longstanding commitment to cultural preservation and arts education.

She has also completed Going with Grace's Death Doula training and volunteers with End of Life Choices Oregon, further demonstrating her commitment to supporting individuals and families through life transitions and loss.

Mindy is a solo parent by choice to six-year-old twins and is an avid gardener in her spare time.