



Eugene Griffin, J.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Gene Griffin serves as CTA's Senior Fellow of Policy and Practice. In his former position as Director of Research, Dr. Griffin brought a unique set of skills and experience to his role and helped solidify CTA's research initiatives. Prior to joining CTA, Dr. Griffin served as the Associate Director of the Mental Health and Services Policy Program at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine where he worked on several child trauma projects.

Previously, Dr. Griffin served as the clinical director of the Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition and was appointed by the governor's office to serve on both the Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership and Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission. He also worked in the Director's Office at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services where he helped develop its trauma program. Dr. Griffin has worked for the state Office of Mental Health, where he was Chief of Juvenile Forensics and oversaw the Mental Health Juvenile Justice Initiative, a statewide program linking mentally ill minors in detention centers to community based treatment. He has been a unit chief of both short term and long-term inpatient psychiatric adolescent units. Dr. Griffin has served as an assistant public defender in juvenile court. He has published articles related to trauma, child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice.

Dr. Griffin was named by the MacArthur Foundation-supported Models for Change initiative as a Champion for Change in juvenile justice reform for his work in mental health for juveniles in the justice system. He was lead developer for the MacArthur Foundation's Mental Health Training Curriculum for Juvenile Justice geared toward non-clinical staff working in juvenile justice settings, like detention centers and correctional facilities. His firsthand experience working in similar settings was as valuable as his clinical knowledge of the field's increased understanding of childhood trauma.

Dr. Griffin received both his law degree and his doctorate in clinical psychology from Northwestern University. He completed an internship in clinical and forensic psychology through Harvard Medical School.
