

Hillary Cashier is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 19 years of experience serving veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Her extensive background includes roles in Home Based Primary Care, Emergency Room, and Primary Care Social Work, complemented by a broad knowledge of VA programs and services. For the past eight years, Hillary has served as the Women Veterans Program Manager, where she leads initiatives to improve access to care and enhance services tailored to women veterans. She is passionate about advocacy, program development, and ensuring comprehensive support for those who have served. Hillary earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Keuka College and her Master's degree in Social Work from Syracuse University. Her career reflects a deep commitment to veteran-centered care and advancing equity within the VA system.

Janice James is a Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist for Upstate/ Central New York through the Syracuse VA Medical Center. Janice has been employed through the Department of Veterans Affairs since 2012, and has extensive experience in corrections and the criminal justice system. She has primarily focused her career on decreasing the criminalization of the mentally ill, addressing recidivism in the criminal justice system, and the impact of criminogenic behaviors. Janice remains dedicated to educating stakeholders on symptomology and maladaptive behavioral patterns that may emerge as a result of underlying behavioral health issues. She has been a significant advocate for the forensic population, working to expand programming and improve system delivery of behavioral health services, ensuring equal justice. Janice continues to challenge stigmatization and issues surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion. She has membership on committees locally and nationally geared toward these issues.

Tyshawnya Morrison

- Retired Air Force Veteran of 30 years. Career Advisor/Transportation
- Gulf War/Iraqi Freedom
- Westchester County Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator
- American Legion post 506, (only woman Veteran member)

Deirdre Rice-Reese, MPA, CASAC serves as Assistant Vice President of Residential Treatment for Samaritan Daytop Village (SDV), where she oversees the Veteran, and Upstate residential treatment programs (in Ulster and Dutchess Counties). She also oversees the agency's residential admissions operation, coordinates outreach to community partners and other provider agencies to assure on-going positive customer relationships. Ms. Rice-Reese previously worked 20 years at Phoenix House serving as a Program Director and later Vice President, gaining expertise in client admissions, court-mandated programs, national training, quality assurance and residential facility management. She is a veteran of the USAF and has 30+ years of experience in social services and management of substance abuse treatment programs and facilities. Deirdre is a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) and holds a Master of Public Administration from Baruch College. She currently serves as the Chair of The_Committee (formerly DEI) for InUnity Alliance (IUA).