



Jennifer Wells

*Executive Director*

Jennifer Wells, MSW, is both an experienced organizer and social worker. With an extensive background working in child welfare, juvenile justice, community services, program development, and fundraising, Jennifer brings a skilled and multi-layered lens to her social justice and organizing work.

Having joined the [West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition](#) (WVHKFC) in 2015 as an organizer leading the Shared Use public health campaign, Jennifer later transitioned to youth development and leadership work as director of the [Young West Virginia](#) program, before stepping into the role of executive director of WVHKFC. As a Black woman raised in the South (New Orleans, specifically) by a single mother, Jennifer brings her lived experience, passion, and knowledge to the work that not only gives her life but is her joy.

Jennifer serves as state chair for [Care International](#) and board president for the [West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy](#). In 2018, she was named Social Worker of the Year by the [West Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers](#). Jennifer resides in Huntington, WV, with her amazing husband David. Traveling, eating, and listening to live music are favorite pastimes.