Resident Advocacy Program Committee Members

**Rev. Annie M. Bovian** is the Executive Director of Women's Advocate Ministry, Inc., a crisis intervention program for incarcerated women and their children. She is a graduate of Harvard University School of Divinity and a former Adjunct Professor at Drew University as well as a Lecturer at Fordham University.

**Rev. Mark Hallinan, S.J.**, is the Assistant for Social Ministries to the Provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). As Assistant for Social Ministries, Rev. Hallinan serves as the Province Liaison to groups involved in issues of social justice and assists the sponsored works of the Province in its effort to educate and engage individuals on current issues of social concern. Previously, he served as Associate Pastor at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in Manhattan. Rev. Hallinan has a M.Div. from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and an M.A. in Medieval History from Fordham University.

**Honorable Joseph M. Lauria** recently retired as the Administrative Judge for New York City Family Court, and is currently working as a consultant to the Center for Court Innovation. Judge Lauria has served children and families in the Family Court since 1989 when he was appointed by Mayor Edward I. Koch. Judge Lauria joined the Resident Advocacy Program Committee in March 2009.

**Victoria Sammartino** is Executive Director of Voices UnBroken. Voices UnBroken was founded in 2000 by Ms. Sammartino, a poet and Bronx native, based on a belief that the place for poetry and creative self-expression is everywhere. Voices UnBroken is a community-based organization dedicated to providing under-heard members of the community with the tools and opportunity for compelling self-expression. Through creative writing workshops in jails, prisons, group homes, residential treatment facilities and various other transitional and alternative settings, Voices UnBroken nurtures the inherent need in all people to tell their stories.

**Euphemia Strauchn** holds a Masters Degree in Social Work and is the Executive Director of Families on the Move of NYC, Inc. She has worked with families of children and youth who have special needs and involvement in the Juvenile Justice System in New York City for 13 years. Euphemia is currently an advocate for families on several committees, councils and task forces on local, state and national levels.