

Mary D. Herzik serves as the Family Services Program Manager for the Second Judicial District Court, a position she has held since July 2010. She oversees a staff of professionals and volunteers committed to helping families in need by offering services that will settle family conflicts earlier, give families a voice in decision making about their children and facilitate safe contact between a parent and child when there is a history of family violence.

Prior to her current role, she directed the Washoe County CASA Program. Under her leadership, CASA has become an essential voice for the best interests of children who are under the protection of the juvenile court. With growing caseloads affecting social service's ability to give children individual attention, the use of trained, community volunteers is a cost effective way of ensuring children's interests are consistently presented to the court.

She received her B.A. degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and M.A. degree in political science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Before relocating to Nevada, she taught undergraduate political science classes at Southern Illinois University and Texas A & M University. She has also been an Instructor at Truckee Meadows Community College.

She was appointed to the Nevada Commission on Volunteers by Governor Brian Sandoval on June 1, 2016. In addition, she sits on the Court Improvement Select Committee of the Nevada Supreme Court and has served on the boards of directors of local nonprofit organizations, including the Washoe CASA Foundation and an advocacy program for seniors.