

Kenneth L. James serves as the Director of Settlement Compliance for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. Prior to that, he served as the Division Director of Compliance and Standards, and the Agency PREA Coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). Before transferring to SCDC in 2019, he served as the PREA Coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, and in multiple leadership and management positions for over 17 years. He also served as a correctional officer, sergeant, lieutenant and captain at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. Mr. James' career in corrections began over 22 years ago.

Mr. James is a Department of Justice certified auditor for both adult and juvenile facilities and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certified to audit Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, and other Department of Homeland Security facilities for PREA Compliance.

Mr. James holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Limestone College and Master's Degree in Criminal Justice—Public Administration from Liberty University. He serves as a board member on the National PREA Coordinators Working Group, a member of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Taskforce, an "Experteer" on the Anti-Human Trafficking Intelligence Initiative, and a member of multiple community organizations executive boards. He was recently named the "Manager of the Year" and the William D. Leeke "Award of Excellence" recipient by the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Mr. James was also named a "Champion of Change" by End Violence Against Women International. He is retired from the South Carolina Army National Guard, where he served multiple wartime overseas tours in the intelligence field.