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Scott-Pickens has an extensive background in community organizing at the local, state and national levels where she has provided consultation and technical assistance. She is the co-facilitator of the Juvenile Justice Re-entry Initiatives in Essex County where she serves as a Commissioner and is a member of the Youth Services Commission's Multi-Disciplinary Team.

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