



Promising and Innovative Practices for Children of Incarcerated Parents: Arrest through Pre-Adjudication

Speaker Biographies

NELL BERNSTEIN is the former chair of San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents. She is the author of *Burning Down the House: The End of Juvenile Prison* and *All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated*, both published by The New Press. *All Alone in the World* was selected as a pick of the week by Newsweek, a best book of the year by the San Francisco Chronicle, and a top ten book of the year by the Online Review of Books, and has been adopted into the curricula of universities across the country. *Burning Down the House* won the Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association, and was named one of the Best Big Ideas of 2014 by The Daily Beast, a Best Book of 2014 by Publishers Weekly's, and "What to Read" by Glamour Magazine. Ms. Bernstein has spoken across the country about the impact of incarceration on young people and families; written for various national publications; and made numerous radio and television appearances, including Fresh Air, The Tavis Smiley Show, The Diane Rehm Show, and MSNBC. She has been named a Soros Justice Fellow and received a White House Champion of Change award for her advocacy work on behalf of children of incarcerated parents. She spent ten years as coordinator of the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, where she pioneered a bill of rights for children of incarcerated parents that has been replicated nationally and internationally.

JILL M. BRANT is a legal services supervisor in the Department of Human Services who has focused on systematic change for children and families of the incarcerated in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Her work takes a cross systems approach to make substantial positive change in child welfare, the courts, the jail, and police procedure. She played an integral role in numerous initiatives to better serve children of incarcerated parents over the last nine years. She has worked in multiple Department of Human Services Offices to reach this population and to gain an understanding of their complex needs. She has worked with community non-profit organizations and foundations throughout Pittsburgh to find solutions for struggling families, without increasing systems involvement. Jill has 10 years of professional experience in advocacy, policy, strategic planning and implementation. She is a licensed attorney, holding a JD from Widener University School of Law and a BA from Seton Hill University.

SARAH WEST CARSON is the program director of Community Work West's One Family program. One Family is a comprehensive trauma-informed parenting program for incarcerated parents and their children. In this position she is responsible for the clinical design and implementation, and supervises the day-to-day operations of the program that serves three county jails and two county run re-entry probation departments. She engages senior leadership of the sheriff's department in policy design, implementation, and evaluation. Additionally, she supports national efforts to raise awareness of the impact of mass incarceration on children. Carson draws from 20 years of treating children with disenfranchised loss including youth in foster care, international refugee camps, and child trafficking victims for Scotland Yard. Her work with the Boston Police Department providing station-based mental health interventions led her to understand what happens at the intersection of clinical best practices and our nation's penal system. She is a licensed clinical social worker.



GREG CRAWFORD is a correctional program specialist on the Community Services Division at the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). His current projects at NIC include the collaboration with the Urban Institute to develop a framework document, “Children of Incarcerated Parents: Arrest through Pre-Adjudication,” and three toolkits focusing on time of arrest protocols, the court system, and pretrial family impact statements. He also manages the Community Corrections Collaborative Network, which represents the leading associations for pretrial, probation and parole, and drug courts. Greg also manages several veterans initiatives, including a veterans treatment court white paper “Veterans Treatment Courts: A Second Chance for Vets Who Have Lost Their Way,” and is working with the Center for Court Innovation in New York to develop a risk and needs assessment tool and protocol specific to justice-involved veterans, and project manager for a live internet broadcast on Veterans Treatment Courts. Greg’s education includes a master’s degree in organizational leadership and a certificate in organizational development and non-profit leadership from Chapman University, and a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a certificate in social work from Washington State University.

PATTI DONOHUE is a community corrections representative with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives. She is responsible for juvenile justice and training at OPCA. She holds a master’s degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Albany and a master’s degree in public administration from Marist College.

JOCELYN FONTAINE is a senior research associate in the Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute and the principal investigator of the Children of Incarcerated Parents: Arrest through Pre-Adjudication project, funded by the National Institute of Corrections. Her research portfolio is focused mostly on evaluating community-based crime reduction and reentry initiatives targeted to vulnerable populations. Fontaine directs projects using both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies to explore the effect of community-based initiatives on a range of outcomes, including individual, family/social network, and community outcomes. Fontaine is committed to using rigorous social science methods to change policy and practice and contribute to the public discourse on crime and the justice system. She received her PhD in justice and public policy from the School of Public Affairs at American University.

AMY KROLL is the administrator of re-entry for Allegheny County Jail. Ms. Kroll has experience in the corrections and behavioral health fields beginning in 1982. She was a correctional officer at the State Correctional Institute at Camp Hill, PA, a medium security prison and then moved on to teaching correctional officers at the PA State Department of Corrections Training Academy. In 1988, she performed duties as a master’s level clinician at Psychiatric Emergency Services, Advocates, Inc. in Framingham, Massachusetts providing psychiatric and crisis intervention services with Police Officers responding to individuals and families in crisis. From this position, Ms. Kroll moved into the role as the director of justice-related services in the Office of Behavioral Health, Allegheny County Department of Human Services in early 1995 until September 2010. In September of 2010 Ms. Kroll became the administrator of re-entry services in Allegheny County Jail. In this capacity she oversees all the services that will help an offender re-enter his/her community to become a productive citizen. Ms. Kroll has a master’s degree in criminal justice administration, and bachelor’s degrees in law and environmental science.



TANYA KRUPAT is the program director for New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents, The Osborne Association. For more than 16 years, Tanya Krupat’s work has focused on children of incarcerated parents with an emphasis on visiting and maintaining the parent-child relationship as key strategies for supporting children’s wellbeing. She is currently a program director at the Osborne Association where she oversees the New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents and Children and Youth Services. The NY Initiative is a statewide policy reform effort to shift policies and practices within the criminal justice system and children’s services systems to be more responsive to the experiences and needs of children with an incarcerated parent. Children and Youth Services provides an array of direct services to children affected by parental incarceration. Before joining The Osborne Association in 2006, Tanya worked within NYC’s child welfare agency, focusing on children in foster care whose parents were incarcerated. Before working in child welfare, Tanya was the Family Services Coordinator at Taconic Correctional Facility, a medium security prison for women. Tanya has a Masters in Social Work (LMSW) and Public Health (MPH).

AMANDA LUDWIG, is a family support specialist for the Family Support Program in the Allegheny County Jail and is employed by Family Services of Western PA. She received her BA in music from Grove City College in 2005 and her MA in professional counseling from Carlow University in 2011. For the last ten years, Ms. Ludwig has dedicated her professional life to serving, empowering, and advocating for individuals who face overwhelming odds. She has helped build several new programs both personally and professionally. She is a member of the SouthWestern PA Re-entry Coalition (SPARC) which exists to educate and mobilize professionals and empower citizens with criminal backgrounds to remove barriers to obstacles formerly incarcerated people face. In her community, Ms. Ludwig is dedicated to mentoring young women, racial reconciliation, supporting faith-based initiatives, and is a member of a team who are planning a 5k to raise money for the Aruna Project. The Aruna Project is an organization that rescues, restores, and employs women who have been sexually exploited in Mumbai, India.

SAMARA MARION has been a policy attorney for the Office of Citizen Complaints in San Francisco since 2000. The Office of Citizen Complaints is a city agency that investigates complaints of misconduct involving the San Francisco Police Department and also makes policy and training recommendations to enhance police-community relations. She has written and negotiated policy recommendations on a variety of subjects including language access, juvenile policing protocols, officer-involved shootings, and children of arrested parents. She also helped produced two officer training videos for the San Francisco Police Department: Detecting and Overcoming Language Barriers (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8qY1zi0tzc>) and Children of Arrested Parents (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha7X0V98oaQ>). Her article “Civilian Oversight as Bridge-Builders: Collaborating with the Community and Law Enforcement to Develop Effective, Safe and Trauma-Reducing Procedures for Children of Arrested Parents” is forthcoming (National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, NACOLE Review, Summer 2015).



BRYCE PETERSON is a research associate in the Urban Institute’s Justice Policy Center and the co-principal investigator of the Children of Incarcerated Parents: Arrest through Pre-Adjudication project, funded by the National Institute of Corrections. His research focuses on program evaluation, correctional policy, prisoner reentry, children and families of justice-involved parents, federal and state justice statistics, and quantitative data analysis. His other work is funded by federal agencies, such as the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Institute of Justice. He has used his training in quantitative research methods and data analysis to publish and present on such criminal justice issues as prison and jail misconduct, criminological theory, cross-national comparative analysis of crime, and juvenile delinquency. He received his PhD in Criminal Justice from John Jay College/the Graduate Center from the City University of New York.

WENDY STILL is the retired chief adult probation officer of the city and county of San Francisco. Chief Still has worked in state government for over 33 years and specialized for 26 years in adult and community corrections in California. Chief Still’s experiences include developing gender responsive, trauma informed offender prison and community rehabilitation programs, and strategic master plans designed to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism for California’s offenders and parolees. Chief Still has served as director, activation management and rehabilitation programs with the California Federal Prison Health Care Services, and governor-appointed associate director-female offender programs and services, southern regional prison administrator for 10 prisons, chief of regulation and policy and chief financial officer for the California State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Chief Still is also a criminologist and taught “Criminal Justice: Incarceration and its Impact” at Stanford University. Chief Still earned her Masters of advanced studies, criminal law, and society from the University of California, Irvine. She earned her BS in organizational behavior from the University of San Francisco. Chief Still is a member of the American Probation and Parole Association, the American Correctional Association, and the American Society of Criminology.

GREG SUHR is a 33-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department and was selected as San Francisco’s 42nd chief of police on April 27, 2011. He firmly believes in the idea that the police department exists to serve the needs of our customers—those who live, work, visit, and play in San Francisco. That belief serves as the foundation for many of the changes Chief Suhr has implemented this past year, beginning with allowing any member of the public access to the Chief’s Office