Young People in Peril
The Impact of Today’s Health, Economic and Social Crises on Youth Justice Reform

An Interactive Webinar Program for Journalists and Editors
October-December, 2020

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PROGRAM ONE
Voices for Change
October 22, 2020

1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

WELCOME
Stephen Handelman,
Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice
John Jay College

Emily Tow
President
The Tow Foundation

Carol Abrams
Senior Communications Associate
The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Galit Lipa
Program Director
Public Welfare Foundation

1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

CONVERSATION & Q&A

Nate Balis
Director, The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Juvenile Justice Strategy Group

Hard questions for juvenile justice during and after the pandemic. What do reporters need to know to hold juvenile justice systems accountable?

DISCUSSANT:
Joe Domanick
Journalism Coordinator, Associate Director,
Center on Media, Crime and Justice @ John Jay
2:15 p.m.—2:20 p.m.  

BREAK

2:20 p.m-4:00 p.m,

SESSION 1  
Youth Voices for Change.

Justice-Impacted youth discuss experiences of life during the pandemic, and suggestions for reform. What stories should media be covering?

SPEAKERS

Iliana Pujols  
Director of Community Connections  
CT Juvenile Justice Alliance

Tyler Williams  
Former youth incarceree  
Progeny/Kansas Youth Advocacy for Change

MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT:

Hernán Carvente Martinez  
National Youth Partnership Strategist  
Youth First

PROGRAM TWO
Youth, Racial Justice and the Pandemic  
October 23, 2020

1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.  Welcome. Zoom convenes

1:15 pm-2:00 pm  

SESSION 2  
Covid-19 and Youth in Correctional Facilities

How well did correctional agencies protect youth in detention during the spread of COVID-19?

Stephen B. Kang  
Detention Attorney, ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project

Dominique D. Nong  
Director, Youth Justice Policy for Children’s Defense Fund-California

MODERATOR:

Joe Domanick  
Center on Media, Crime and Justice
2:00 p.m.-2:10 p.m.  Coffee + networking break

2:10 p.m.-3:15 p.m.  SESSION 3
Shaping New Priorities for Youth Justice

Can the energy and anger generated by the George Floyd killing help shape the priorities for youth justice—not just during the pandemic, but afterwards?  [with Q&A]

SPEAKERS

Steve Bishop
Senior Associate
The Annie E. Casey Foundation

David Muhammad
Executive Director
National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform

MODERATOR

Marcy Mistrett
CEO,
Campaign for Youth Justice/Act 4 JJ Coalition

3:15 p.m.-3:25 p.m.  BREAK

3:25 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  SESSION 4
Financing Youth Justice

Overview of the pressures created by the fiscal crisis and how they might impede the transition to a community-based youth justice approach.

SPEAKER:

Samantha Harvell
Principal Policy Associate
Urban Institute

MODERATOR:

Stephen Handelman
Director
Center on Media, Crime and Justice
PROGRAM THREE
Youth Justice Reform: The Next Frontier
October 29, 2020

1:00pm-1:10pm  Welcome. Zoom convenes

1:10pm-1:50 pm  KEYNOTE & Q&A
Michael Umpierre
Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform
Georgetown University

An overview of the key unfinished issues on the youth justice agenda across the country. Key research driving juvenile justice reform; and how that research relates to—or impacts—the current challenges presented by the pandemic and racial injustice

1:50pm-2:00pm  BREAK

2:00pm-2:40pm  SESSION 5
Reimagining Probation and Community Supervision

Vincent Schiraldi
Co-director
Columbia Justice Lab

Ricky Watson
Executive Director
National Juvenile Justice Network

MODERATOR:
Jaquita Monroe
Senior Associate
The Annie E. Casey Foundation

2:40-2:50pm  BREAK

2:50-3:35pm  SESSION 6
Can we change the Youth Incarceration Paradigm?

SPEAKERS

Jessica Feierman
Senior Managing Director
Juvenile Law Center

Marc Schindler  
Executive Director  
Justice Policy Institute

Tyrone Walker  
Fellow, Justice Policy Institute  
Co-Founder, Young Men Emerging

MODERATOR: tbd

3:35-3:45pm  
BREAK

3:45 PM-4:30 PM  
SESSION 7  
Broadening access to primary and mental health care;  
Breaking the school to prison pipeline

SPEAKERS

Joshua Rovner  
Senior Advocacy Associate  
The Sentencing Project

Sherika Shnider  
Staff Attorney  
National Juvenile Defender Center

MODERATOR: TBD

PROGRAM FOUR  
Where Do We Go From Here? The Politics of Change  
November 5, 2020

1:00 p.m.-1:10 p.m.  
WELCOME. REPRISE of Zoom rules

1:10 p.m.-1:50 p.m.  
KEYNOTE  
Anne S. Teigen  
Program Director, Criminal Justice  
National Conference of State Legislatures,

Prospects for change, post-election review.

1:50 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
BREAK

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
SESSION 8  
Reimagining Youth Justice: TOPIC SHOWCASE
Experts and activists will deliver 10-minute takes on separate “hot topics” on the youth justice agenda, then host discussion

MODERATOR & Overview
Gina M. Vincent
Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry
University of Massachusetts Medical School

TOPICS & SPEAKERS (10-minute rounds & Discussion)

Girls & Justice
Jeannette Pai-Espinosa
President
National Crittenton Foundation

Community-Based Rehabilitation
Mary Ann Scali
Executive Director
National Juvenile Defender Center

Racial Disparities in Youth Commitments and Arrests
Andrea McChristian
Law & Policy Director
New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Raise the Age (Progress Report)
Karen Vastine
Senior Advisor, Vermont Dept. of Children Invited

MODERATOR
Stephen Handelman
Director
Center on Media, Crime and Justice

PROGRAM FIVE
The Media, Youth and Justice: Reporting on Solutions
November 12, 2020

1:00 p.m.-1:10 p.m.  WELCOME. REPRISE of Zoom rules

1:10 p.m. – 2:00 pm  SESSION 9
Youth & Courts
Shifting the media-narrative from toward family-strengthening, solutions-focused journalism

SPEAKERS
Kim Dvorchak
Executive Director
National Association of Counsel for Children

The Hon. Patricia Martin
Presiding Judge, Child Protection Division
Cook County, Illinois

MODERATOR & overview:
Lisa Thurau
Strategies for Youth

2:00 p.m.-2:10 p.m.  BREAK

2:10 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  SESSION 10
Latinx Youth: Undercounted, Ignored

Marcia Rincon-Gallardo
Co-founder and Executive Director
Alianza for Youth Justice

Holly S. Cooper
Lecturer
UC Davis School of Law School

3:00 p.m.-3:10 p.m.  BREAK

3:10 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  SESSION 11
Ten Stories for 2021

Stories to watch out for in 2021. Finding what you need to know, and who to talk to. Tips and answers to your JJ questions.

DISCUSSION LEADER
Liz Ryan
President & CEO
Youth First Initiative

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