Beyond the Bars: Reducing the Impact of Incarceration on Children and Families

William Pitt Union (University of Pittsburgh Campus) Lower Lounge
3959 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Monday, May 14, 2018; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Plenary Speakers:
Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, Family Division
Anna E. Hollis, Executive Director, Amachi Pittsburgh
Kevin Jordan, CEO, Adaptive Behavioral Services
Amy Kroll, Administrator, Re-Entry Services, Allegheny County Jail

PANEL OVERVIEWS:

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY: This panel focuses on solutions developed by citizens and community organizations of Allegheny and Beaver Counties. The panel highlights Amachi Pittsburgh’s focus on teaching children with lived experience to serve as mentors for other children and families at risk. Panelists will describe community-based efforts to offer parenting skills, child and family support, and school-based efforts to identify at-risk children.

CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM: Panelists will overview the challenges of incarceration and efforts to facilitate family wellbeing during periods of incarceration. They will present system-based efforts to evolve principles and practices that prepare inmates for re-entry and enhance capacity for reintegration through programs that offer parenting skills, opportunity for family visitation and individual counseling.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: This panel will address the diverse and profound vulnerabilities that complicate the adjustments required of inmates and their families. Panelists will describe their approaches to the historical and ongoing challenges related to incarceration, including employment, education, trauma, racism, and other vulnerabilities contributing to social exclusion.

GOVERNMENT: The focus of this panel will be efforts to establish policies and judiciary practices that support children and families separated by incarceration. Panelists will describe local, statewide, and national efforts to develop policies and judiciary practices that reduce the likelihood of foster placement, loss of parental rights, and systemic fueling of a ‘pipeline’ to crime and imprisonment for children.

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