

DISRUPTING THE CRADLE TO PRISON PIPELINE

A conference addressing the multiple issues affecting children which may contribute to later criminal justice involvement.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

8:30 AM UNTIL 4:15 PM

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. TAMMY NYDEN

Dr. Nyden is a Professor of Philosophy at Grinnell College. She is the founder of Mothers on the Front Line, an advocacy group for parents of children with mental health needs.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

This conference is organized somewhat differently than some others. Sessions are organized by the ages of the children/youth, not topics, but each session will introduce topics of particular relevance to each group. We will follow hypothetical cases of young people as they move through their stages of development. We recognize, of course, that all of these issues can affect children of all ages.

8:30 AM

Check in and refreshments

9:00 AM

Keynote Address: Dr. Tammy Nyden, founder, Mothers on the Front line.

10:00 AM

Performance: Students in the Waterloo Hip Hop Literacy Program, a summer enrichment program for disadvantaged youth that teaches literacy skills through hip hop poetry and performance.

10:30 AM

Pipeline Stage One- Infancy (0-2)

Commentator: Dr. Kelly E. Petzel, Clinical Asst. Professor in Psychiatry, of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital

Issues – Prenatal and postnatal care, parental circumstances and issues

11:15 AM

Pipeline Stage Two – Toddlers (3-5)

Commentators: Mr. Jacob Shepard, Jail and Prison Ministry Coordinator, Catholic Charities, Dubuque Archdiocese and Mr. Jacob Shepard, Jr., child of incarcerated parents. Ms. Lisa Ambrose, Executive Director, Amani Community Services.

Issues- Impact of ACES, including parental incarceration and family violence.

12:00 Noon Lunch

12:45 PM

IJAN: Choosing Issues and Setting Priorities

Facilitator: R. Allen Hays, Emeritus Professor of Public Policy, UNI, and IJAN Co-Chair

1:15 PM

Pipeline Stage Three – Elementary School

Commentators: Dr. Shuaib Meacham, Associate Professor of Literacy Education, University of Northern Iowa

Issues – appropriateness of school curricula and discipline practices, kids' disengagement from learning.

2:00 PM

Pipeline Stage Four – Middle Teens

Commentators: Dr. Tammy Nyden and Mr. Daniel Tallman, LMSW and CADC, an experienced substance abuse counselor and IJAN Board Member

Issues – mental health issues, including sexuality and addiction.

2:45 PM Pipeline Stage Five – High School

Commentator: Ms. Ruth Frush, retired Head of Juvenile Court Services for Judicial District 1

Issues – potential involvement in the juvenile justice system, school suspension or dropping out.

3:30 PM

Out of the Pipeline and Into Prison – Solutions and Alternatives

Commentators: Ms. Sue Hutchins (retired LSW and CADC), IJAN Co-Chair and Coordinator of Living Beyond the Bars, along with participants in her program.

Issues – experiences of those incarcerated and their families and links to earlier experiences. Also, resources and alternatives for those affected.

4:15 PM

Conference Adjourns.

Note: Artworks and poetry by current and formerly incarcerated people will be on display throughout the conference.

Conference registration form on the following page.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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ORGANIZATION _____

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CONFERENCE FEE - \$30 (includes lunch)

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To ensure your inclusion in the lunch count, please register no later than November 1, 2019.

Social work and substance abuse CEUs have been applied for. There is an additional \$10 fee required to obtain social work CEUs.

For more information, please contact: allen.hays@uni.edu.