



## 2017 Virtual Youth Summit

### Leading the Way: Youth Collaboration in Justice Reform

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 12PM - 4PM Eastern

12PM – 12:05PM Opening by the National Youth Chair: **Michelle Diaz**

Join the conversation

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CJJ Welcome: **Naomi Smoot**

12:05PM – 12:15PM **Spoken Poetry: Robert White**, Youth Partnership Consultant.

12:15PM – 12:55PM **Cultural Relationships and Exchange**

Examine the politics of race, immigration, and ethnicity in the United States, including comparisons between African Americans, Latinos, and Asians. The workshop will emphasize the role of institutions in shaping the importance of race in politics in the United States. The dialogue will examine the different overt and covert means by which power and social differentiation are produced, perpetuated, and challenged in societies across the United States.

*Facilitated by:*

- **Miguel Garcia**, Western Region representative CJJ
- **Marcia Rincon-Gallardo**, Executive Director Noxtin: Equal Justice for All.

12:55PM – 1:45PM **Youth as Partners in the Justice Reform Movement**

The juvenile justice field is making an important shift by recognizing that if we are to truly create a justice system that serves the needs of all youth, then we must listen to and partner with currently or formerly incarcerated youth. No longer can we continue to create policies and programs which lack the perspective of those who are directly impacted. In order to transform our juvenile justice system, and put end youth incarceration, we must be informed by the people who have first-hand knowledge of the gaps and opportunities that exist; but what do those partnerships look like? In this workshop, participants will learn about different approaches to partnering with system-involved youth as well as resources and models for those partnerships.

*Facilitated by:*

- **Hernan Carvente**, Youth Partnership Strategist, Youth First Initiative.

1:45PM – 2:15PM

**Youth Collaboration: What Works, From a Youth Perspective**

Many organizations strive to improve their youth partnerships, but struggle when it comes to successfully integrating youth voice into their programs. Join us for a facilitated conversation and share your input about what works, and what doesn't work, to encourage youth collaboration, from a youth perspective.

*Facilitated by:*

- **Naomi Smoot**, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

2:15PM – 2:25PM

**Spoken Poetry: Robert White**, Youth Partnership Consultant.

2:35PM – 3:15PM

**Ending Girl's Incarceration in NYC and Nationally**

Over the last decade, successful reforms have reduced the number of youth in juvenile custody by 50 percent nationwide—largely by sharply reducing confinement for low-risk offenses. However, despite the fact that the vast majority of girls are still incarcerated for behavior that poses no public safety risk, girls' incarceration is declining at a slower rate than boys'. Addressing these disparities is a particularly urgent need for girls of color and LGBT/gender nonconforming (GNC) youth who disproportionately bear the burdens of incarceration. However, the juvenile justice field systematically lacks strategies to keep girls out of custody. Vera is partnering with New York City to end girls' incarceration locally and to create a model for ending girls' incarceration around the country. To ensure the success of the work we have three leadership bodies: 1) the Task Force on Ending Girl's Incarceration; 2) Expert Advisory Council; and 3) Youth Advisory Council.

*This workshop will give participants an overview of what's different about girls' incarceration and the work we're doing to end it. Presenters will include representatives from each of the leadership bodies in the work to give participants an overview of the initiative from different vantage points.*

*Facilitated by:*

- **Lindsay Rosenthal**, Senior Associate and Gender Justice Fellow Vera Institute of Justice
- **Mahsa Jafarian**, Program Associate Vera Institute of Justice.

3:15PM – 3:55PM

### **Transformative Mentoring Program**

The arches program, combine credible messenger group mentoring and an evidence-based interactive journaling curriculum to serve emerging adults on probation ages 16 to 24 years. The idea that individuals with shared lived experiences are uniquely suited to teach, support, and guide others through similar challenges. Research shows that Arches has significantly reduced recidivism, and has also reduced further justice system consequences for emerging adults.

*Facilitated by:*

- **Abdul Malik Talib**, Former Arches Mentor, Community Associate, NYC Department of Probation
- **Lloyd J.**, Arches Alumnus and 4As Mentor, Community Connections for Youth

3:50PM – 4PM

### **Closing Remarks**