

**Center for Public Service Psychiatry's Annual Conference**  
**"Beyond the Bars: Reducing the Impact of Incarceration on**  
**Children and Families"**  
**May 14, 2018**

**Overview:**

This conference will present programs and proposals intended to help children and families cope more effectively with the challenges posed by incarceration of a family member. There is widespread agreement that incarceration of a family member poses serious challenges to children's personal growth and socialization. The stability of families and communities are likewise challenged, often aggravating vulnerabilities accumulated over generations.

Plenary speakers and panelists will describe the programs, skills and knowledge that they use to help children and families cope with these problems. They represent community advocates, corrections and judiciary staff, government officials, and behavioral health professionals who have developed programs specifically dedicated to supporting incarcerated individuals, and their children and families. They also include diverse individuals with lived experience, including children and prior inmates who will describe the difficulties they experienced and resources they needed or found most valuable. The program will provide extensive opportunity for audience interaction. Resource tables will be available for programs and providers to present information and to meet with attendees.

**Course Directors:**

**Robert Marin, MD**

Associate Director  
Center for Public Service Psychiatry  
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC  
Pittsburgh, PA

Robert Marin, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, is the Associate Director of the WPIC Center for Public Service Psychiatry. In addition to his work in community mental health, he has longstanding interests in psychotherapy and transpersonal psychiatry and is has been a faculty member of WPIC's programs in geriatrics and neuropsychiatry.

His appointment as CPSP's Associate Director followed 15 years' service at the WPIC Hill Recovery Center, where he served for five years as Medical Director. His work in community psychiatry evolved from his role as a volunteer and consulting psychiatrist to community organizations of the African American community, organizations specifically engaged in reducing community violence. His community-based initiatives began as a volunteer in the Gang Peace Council of Western Pennsylvania, subsequently in the Homewood-based Community Empowerment Association and the Coalition Against Violence of the Black Political Empowerment Project. Prior to these efforts he served as founding member and chairperson of the University of Pittsburgh Faculty for Social Responsibility and the Pittsburgh Coalition to Prevent Nuclear War.

**Wesley Sowers, MD**

Director  
Center for Public Service Psychiatry  
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Wesley E. Sowers, M.D.** is Director of the Center for Public Service Psychiatry and its associated Fellowship Program. He is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is a Past President of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists and has served on the Board of Directors of that organization since 1988. He has served as Medical Director for the Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery since 2001 and also works as a consulting psychiatrist at several community behavioral health agencies. Clinically, he has extensive experience in the provision of treatment and services to special populations such as homeless men and women, criminal offenders, sexual minorities, and people with substance use disorders. He has published several articles, editorials, and book chapters on topics related to these activities and health care systems management. He is board certified in Adult Psychiatry with

subspecialty certifications in Addiction and Administrative Psychiatry He served as Medical Director for the Office of Behavioral Health in the Allegheny County Department of Human Services from 2001 to 2011. He graduated from Brown University and the Northwestern University Medical School. He completed residencies at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry in New York City.

## **AMACHI SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BY EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS**

*Introductory - Amachi Pittsburgh Building Champions of Change - This presentation will highlight the emotional, psychological and economic impacts of parental incarceration as an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) on children, families and communities, along with the systemic factors that perpetuate intergenerational involvement in the criminal justice system. Additionally, this presentation will highlight Amachi Pittsburgh's proven, outcomes-based strategies for empowering youth and families to overcome associated challenges and to emerge as champions of social change.*

### **Bios**

#### **Olivia Allison**

Amachi Ambassador  
CAPA High School  
Pittsburgh, PA

Olivia is a 9<sup>th</sup> grade dance major and high honor student at Pittsburgh CAPA. She is a teen ambassador for Amachi Pittsburgh. She is a member of Investing NOW, (a STEM program for minorities in the field) through the University of Pittsburgh. She is currently Miss Crawford County's Outstanding Teen, (part of the Miss America System) where she promotes her personal platform My Mom and Me...My Family (mentoring children being raised in a single parent home). She loves to perform on stage. She has been in several musicals at her school and with the Civic Light Opera in Pittsburgh. She was in a short film and movie for television. She dances and assists the director with the younger students at Gemini Gymnastics and Dance.

#### **Jennifer Gruber, MEd**

Teacher  
Pittsburgh Public Schools  
Pittsburgh, PA

Jennifer is a special education teacher at Pittsburgh Public Schools. She has been teaching for 17 years. She is currently a teacher in Therapeutic Support Classroom Grades 3-5. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her daughter, volunteering, teaching dance and attending musicals.

#### **Anna E. Hollis**

Executive Director, Amachi Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA

Anna E. Hollis is the Executive Director of Amachi Pittsburgh, a unique partnership of secular and faith-based organizations working together to support children and families of the incarcerated. "Who knows what God has brought us through this child?" is the English translation of "amachi", and forms the centerpiece of the organization's mission to empower young people to overcome the challenges of parental incarceration, and reach their full potential. A native of Pittsburgh's Hill District and a graduate of Howard University, Anna has been a longstanding advocate for social change. She has forged strong working relationships with the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government, along with county and local officials to advance Amachi's important mission. Partners include the Department of Corrections, law enforcement entities and other providers of family services. She has developed programming that equips youth and families to engage in systems change, and her leadership in this regard has led to the introduction of groundbreaking legislation in Pennsylvania.

Anna is highly regarded for her work on behalf of children and families on the incarcerated, frequently sought out for input on related issues. As such, Anna co-chairs the newly established Advocacy Subcommittee of the Allegheny County Jail Collaborative, and has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency's Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Committee as well as the state's Advisory Committee on Zero Tolerance Discipline Policies. She

has been a partner in the Pittsburgh Foundation's Voices Initiative addressing the juvenile justice system and has served on the Criminal Justice Taskforce through the Institute of Politics at the University of Pittsburgh, the Allies for Children's Common Advocacy Initiative, the Community Advisory Committee of the YWCA Center for Race and Gender Equity, and the Dean's Executive Council at the University of Pittsburgh's Center on Race and Social Problems in the School of Social Work. Anna is also an honor board member of The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania. She previously served on the national Advisory Board of the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Support Center during its existence and, as a lifetime member of the NAACP, served on the Executive Committee of the Pittsburgh Chapter for four years. She was also one of the founding members of the Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition, campaigning against genocide in Sudan. Along with the organization, Anna has received a number of awards for her commitment and contributions to the community including the PNC Women of Legacy Award.

As a mother of three children, Anna passionately believes that every child has inherent value despite family circumstances. It is her hope and expectation that caring adults will recognize, protect and nurture the God-given potential and purpose of all children.

### Learning Objectives

By the completion of this session, participants should be able to:

1. Recognize the link between parental incarceration as an ACE and health outcomes.
2. Describe Amachi Pittsburgh's empowerment-focused, strengths-based service model for youth and families.
3. Discuss the impact of advocacy and policy efforts.
4. Summarize the experience and views of an Amachi Ambassador and her mother.

### **COMMUNITY BASED ADVOCACY**

**Intermediate** - 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.

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#### **Jean Coyne, MEd**

Senior Manager Intervention and PAServes –Greater Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh Mercy  
Pittsburgh, PA

Jean Coyne is Senior Manager at Pittsburgh Mercy. Throughout her career at Pittsburgh Mercy, Jean's work has focused on the empowerment of justice involved people through education, cognitive-behavioral skill building, and increased resource accessibility. She successfully launched PAServes: Greater Pittsburgh in 2015, Pittsburgh's first coordinated network of public, private, and non-profit organizations working together to serve veterans and their families. The network has served over 3000 Veterans and their families the first 2.5 years of operations.

Jean develops and manages county grants with the Allegheny County Reentry Program, which serves 400 inmates annually. She also created and oversees the forensic aftercare program Breaking Free: The Power of Choice and manages cognitive behavioral therapy classes with specialty courts, including the Drug, DUI, and Veteran Courts. In addition, through her service on Pittsburgh Mercy's Mission committee, she supports the dissemination of the history, mission, and values of Pittsburgh Mercy to the organization's 1700 employees.

**Karen Florence, MA**

Executive Director  
TRAILS Ministries  
Pittsburgh, PA

Karen L. Florence earned a master's degree in counseling services from Slippery Rock State College. She has been working since 1995 with men and women impacted by incarceration, in and outside the walls of jails and prisons. Ms. Florence is currently working at TRAILS Ministry in the community developing programs for at-risk youth and those also impacted by incarceration, and a one-stop re-entry service in Beaver County.

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### **Stephanie Marcus, LSW, MSW**

School Social Worker  
Pittsburgh Public Schools

Stephanie Marcus is a School Social Worker for the Pittsburgh Public School District. She has spent the last 4 years at the Student Achievement Center (SAC), a 6-12 alternative school in Homewood for students with academic and behavioral issues. As a school social worker, Stephanie works on the front lines of the battle against poverty, mass incarceration and drug abuse. Many of the students at her school have one or more parent incarcerated, or formerly incarcerated, and almost every child at her school is directly impacted by poverty, drug or family instability.

Prior to her work with the Pittsburgh Public School District, Stephanie earned her master's degree at Columbia University and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She is the first Social Work student at Pitt to graduate from the Honors College, where she completed research at Westinghouse High School.

### **Learning Objectives**

By the completion of this session, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the rationale and outcomes of training youth to serve as mentors to their peers and communities
2. Present approaches that community-based organizations can take to supporting children and families, including the enhancing parenting skills, social support
3. Describe approaches that schools, churches and other community organizations can take to supporting children and families separated by incarceration of a family member
4. Indicate the social, political, and economic challenges faced by children and families separated by incarceration of a family member.

### **Resources**

1. Prison Baby by Deborah Jiang Stein (Beacon Press)
2. The New Jim Crow, Michelle Alexander (The New Press)
3. African American Classics in Criminology and Criminal Justice by Shaun Gabbidon (Sage Publications)
4. **Guide for Incarcerated Parents who have Children in the Child Welfare System;** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
5. Arizona Family Members Behind Bars: Difficult Questions Children Ask and Answers That Might Help: A Caregiver's Guide to Arizona's Criminal Justice System From Arrest to Release  
<[www.thepartnership.us/filestore/BehindBarsEng.pdf](http://www.thepartnership.us/filestore/BehindBarsEng.pdf)>

## **CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM**

*Intermediate* - 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.

### **Bios**

#### **George J. Fleming, BS**

Program Supervisor, Allegheny Family Network  
Fathers Involved Now Program  
Pittsburgh, PA

George J. Fleming is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Clarion University with a Bachelor of Science, and has worked in the Human Services field for the past 30 years. At an early age, George realized that he had a compassion for the plight of all people and a desire to serve them. His background in the Human Service field includes several decades of executive administration and oversight for alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment, residential group homes, mental health services, reunification services, homeless shelters, mentorship and prevention services.

Mr. Fleming is currently the Program Supervisor for Allegheny Family Network's Fathers Involved Now Program, which is a family-run organization. Which helps support and partner with families rearing children who have emotional and mental health needs to improve their quality of life. He is also a consultant for Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh Men's Program and facilitate groups for batterers who have been court ordered to address intimate partner violence.

**Matt Gryskewicz, BA**

PAServes and Intervention Program Administrator  
Pittsburgh Mercy

Matt Gryskewicz has been working in the justice system for 7 years in both behavioral and mental health capacities. He started working with the juvenile population with both offenders and victims of abuse and sexual abuse. He first became involved with the Allegheny County Jail as a facilitator for parenting and relationship programming. He currently manages Allegheny County Jail Collaborative contracts in the Allegheny County Jail where CBT and family support classes are offered and a veteran's coordination program: PAServes – Greater Pittsburgh.

Matt currently is working on his master's degree and finalizing a thesis on making a parallel with unresolved trauma to General Strain Theory resulting in criminal behaviors. He also has years of first-hand experience in reintegration needs, approaches, strains, and decision processes from military service. He often uses those experiences to help improve the quality of services rendered to those incarcerated.

**Amy McNicholas Kroll, MA**

Administrator of Re-entry Services  
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, Bachelor's Degrees in Law and Environmental Science.

**Sabrina L. Orlansky, MA**

Adult Probation Supervisor  
Allegheny County Criminal Courts  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sabrina L. Orlansky received her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Pittsburgh, and went on to receive her Masters in Criminology from IUP in 1999.

Mrs. Orlansky began her career as a field probation officer in 1999, working with probationers and their families in the community until promoted to Adult Probation Supervisor in 2006. Since 2006, Mrs. Orlansky has supervised numerous

agents working with moderate to high risk offenders directly in the Allegheny County jail and in the community. She has volunteered to be a master instructor for her agency in areas that model best practices deemed most beneficial in corrections. Since 2008, she has been a certified trainer in the use of the LSI-R risk assessment, certified in appropriate use of force techniques/ aerosol spray, and was recently certified by the Mark Carey group in training others in Evidenced Based-Motivational Interviewing/Core Competencies. She is currently one of several in charge of training Adult Probation's entire staff.

Primarily Supervisor Orlansky oversees direct supervision of five Reentry Probation officers involved in the Reentry Program at the Allegheny County Jail, which is supported by the Allegheny County Jail Collaborative. She also serves as the Supervisor of Allegheny County's Pride Specialty Court which involves supervising and rehabilitating women who are exploited/convicted of sex industry/trafficking crimes. Both units attempt to help rehabilitate offenders, provide case management objectives that address the offender's risk factors, and help them maintain a crime free lifestyle and healthy family pro-social relationships.

### Learning Objectives

By the completion of this session, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the parenting programs in the Re-entry program at the Allegheny County Jail Collaborative.
2. Identify the specifics of the program that helps with parenting while incarcerated increasing parental-child relationships.
3. Recognize the roles and responsibilities of Adult Reentry Probation officers who engage directly with incarcerated adults, and how they assist Reentry participants' transition back into their respective communities/family.
4. Recognize how our agency trains probation officers in the uses of Motivational Interviewing and Best Practices to promote change between agent and inmate/probationer/parolee.
5. Discuss the benefits associated with strengthening professional alliances between agent and inmate, and the benefits of targeting the most essential criminogenic risk factors regarding case planning and referrals.

### Resources

1. **Working With the Correctional System and Incarcerated Parents**  
**Podcast** <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/child-welfare-podcast-incarcerated-parents>
2. Fathers for Life: Strengthening Families and Fatherhood: Children of Fathers in the Criminal Justice System  
<<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/family/center/father-engagement/father-male-involvement/FathersLife.htm>>
3. Inside Private Prisons by Lauren Brooke-Elsen (Columbia University Press), 2017
4. David Harris "Profiles in Injustice: Why Racial Profiling Cannot Work" (The New Press)
5. Howard Zehr, Doing Life: Reflections of Men And Women Serving Life Sentences, Skyhorse Publishing, 1997
6. Howard Zehr and Lorraine Amstutz "What Will Happen to me: Every Night 2 Million Children Go to Bed with a Parent in Prison." Good Books, 2011

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**Intermediate** - 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.

### Bios

#### Kevin Jordan

CEO, Adaptive Behavioral Services  
Pittsburgh, PA

Mr. Jordan is an entrepreneur. In 2012 he founded Adaptive Behavioral Services, Inc. "ABS". In his role as CEO, he provides vision and leadership in developing ABS's business model and growth, and managing the overall operations of ABS. ABS is a provider of integrated treatment for people dealing with behavioral health challenges. ABS serves as a

licensed outpatient mental health and psychiatric clinic and outpatient drug and alcohol clinic, servicing children, adolescents and adults. Currently ABS has three (3) locations and 31 staff working in the Pittsburgh market and is in the planning stages of opening a fourth location by August 2018.

Mr. Jordan's vision is to build ABS as a "Behavioral Health Urban Enterprise Model" a one-stop-shop for community based behavioral health care. With the goal of ABS extending its' brand in providing culturally relevant and holistic behavioral health services to communities dealing with the effects of violence, trauma, and opiates, to name a few.

A graduate of Duquesne University's School of Business, he also holds a certificate in Executive Leadership from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mr. Jordan has been involved with the start-up and launch of several business ventures since 1993. In addition to ABS, he is involved with the implementation and launch of a software application development firm that developed a brain performance and monitoring application, the Roberto App ([robertoapp.com](http://robertoapp.com)). The goal is to integrate technology into behavioral healthcare.

In 2014 ABS contracted with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections to provide outpatient services to men and women leaving state correctional facilities and returning to live in Allegheny County. It is through this work that ABS is developing several initiatives to address the effects of incarceration on families and especially children.

### **Kevin Kordzi, MEd**

Director, Capitalizing on a Recovery Environment (CORE)

Resources for Human Development (RHD)

Homestead, PA

Kevin Kordzi is the Director of Resources for Human Development CORE Program, a long-term residential treatment program located in Homestead, Pennsylvania. Throughout his career, he has worked with dually diagnosed adults and juveniles in several different capacities, including as therapist, case manager, child care specialist, treatment and clinical supervisor, trainer, part-time instructor, program manager and director. He has extensive experience in program and clinical development, managing start-up programming, and development of training and staff procedures, among other areas. He is experienced in various treatment approaches and providing group and individual therapy with dually diagnosed adults and juveniles, including those who have been criminal justice-referred.

Kevin received a Bachelor of Science degree in Individual and Family Studies from the Pennsylvania State University, and a Masters' of Education degree from the Pennsylvania State University School of Graduate Studies in Counselor Education, with Specialization in Drug and Alcohol.

### **Paul Lee, MSW, MH**

Psychotherapist

Independent Contractor for Alcohol and Substance Use

Pittsburgh, PA

Mr. Lee is currently an independent contractor that provides clinical mental health and substance abuse services with various agencies. His recent employment was to address the social heroin epidemic of clients who suffer from addiction and mental illness.

A recent graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work, Mr. Lee has developed a passion for addressing related social concerns that involve equity and social justice. He has been a consistent member of Western Psychiatric Fellowship seminars facilitated by Dr. Wesley Sowers for the last 3 years addressing and challenging traditional recovery oriented methodology that may no longer be adaptable to contemporary times.

His primary research in the field of social work confronts many social perspectives and perceptions about the experiences of the African American Male population. In some of his findings Mr. Lee discovered relevant personal experiences through professional research protocols and interviews that the majority of African American males particularly in the city of Pittsburgh suffer from a psychological consciousness of racism via their experiences.

The central element of many dynamics that fosters maladaptive experiences for the African American male is one of obvious disproportion in economic employment and its effects. As a social determinant there are variations to this issue that also have a direct impact of their ability and opportunity to gain sustainable employment.

Incarceration becomes the number one offender for African American males who have been incarcerated through social mechanisms that prevent them from obtaining employment. As we know, felony convictions are severely significant in the public sector for employment purposes.

Mr. Lee has done professional research on *"The Experiences of African American Males within Predominantly White Environments and its Impact."* It is his hope that this forum will address solution oriented strategies that can promote inclusion, empathy and a more adaptive perspective that will strengthen the American social structures that oppress and suppress the *soul* of the African American Male.

**Michael Parker, MBA**

Wesley Family Services

Director of Community Partnerships

As the Director the Community Partnership Division of Wesley Family Services, I am responsible for providing leadership and accomplishing departmental strategic and operational goals and objectives for ten (10) programs that help to empower individuals and families to live productive and independent lives through a range of support services.

Wesley Family Services fosters the creation and growth of partnerships between national organizations, local agencies, businesses and other community resources to help build stronger families and communities.

**Ian Quarles**

Family Support Partner

Allegheny Family Network

Pittsburgh, PA

(no bio available)

**Learning Objectives**

**By the completion of this session, participants should be able to:**

1. Describe the psychological and interpersonal impact of incarceration on children and families
2. Describe the multidimensional significance of trauma for individuals who have been incarcerated and for communities that have been oppressed by personal, family and communal forms of trauma.
3. Describe trauma-informed approaches to supporting individuals, families and communities whose vulnerability and wellbeing have been complicated by trauma.
4. Describe goals and methods for promoting family reintegration for dually-diagnosed individuals who are transitioning back to their families and communities.
5. Present principles and strategies that behavioral health providers can use to overcome systematic exclusion of people, African Americans especially, with histories of incarceration

**Resources**

1. Michael Compton and Ruth Sim, Social Determinants of Mental Health, American Psychiatric Press, 2015
2. Care of Mentally Disorder Offender in the Community- A. Buchanan and L. Wootton
3. Supporting Children and Families of Prisoners. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/supporting/support-services/prisoners/>
4. **National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated** <https://nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu>
5. Incarceration and Family Relationships: A Fact Sheet <[www.healthymarriageinfo.org/resource-detail/index.aspx?rid=3285](http://www.healthymarriageinfo.org/resource-detail/index.aspx?rid=3285)> National Healthy Marriage Resource Center (2010)

## **GOVERNMENT AND POLICY**

**Intermediate Level** - *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 practices that enhance the support of offenders, their children and their families. reduce the likelihood of foster placement, loss of parental rights, and systemic fueling of a 'pipeline' to crime and imprisonment for children. Panelists will provide assessments and recommendations of changes that can be of value during periods of incarceration and after release. These will include initiatives that focus on: consultation and training for the judiciary; advocacy and legislation aimed at eliminating barriers to voting, driving, education and employment; and legislative and correctional policy to improve the quality of medical and behavioral health care in jails and prisons. Strategies for guiding interaction with legislators will also be presented.*

### **Bios**

**Judge Kim Berkeley Clark**

**Court of common Pleas—5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**

**Pittsburgh, PA**

Judge Kim Berkeley Clark is a Judge of the Family Division of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania, where she primarily hears Juvenile Court cases. Judge Clark served as the Administrative Judge of the Family Division from January of 2006 to January 2009 and from 2013 through 2017.

Judge Clark currently serves as the Chairperson of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Juvenile Procedural Rules and Committee; the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission on Racial, Gender, and Ethnic Fairness; the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency—Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee; the Pennsylvania State Children's Roundtable (Chair of the Dependent Children of Incarcerated Parents Workgroup and Dependency Benchbook Committee); the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network; and the American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Standards Task Force.

Judge Clark previously served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and as Chair of the Board of Fellows of the National Center for Juvenile Justice. She is a Past President of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges.

In June of 2013, Judge Clark had the honor of moderating a panel discussion on the needs of caregivers of children of incarcerated parents at the White House.

In November of 2017, Judge Clark received the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence. The Rehnquist Award, presented annually by the National Center for State Courts, is one of the nation's highest judicial honors. This prestigious award honors a state court judge who demonstrates the outstanding qualities of judicial excellence, including integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics, creativity, sound judgment, intellectual courage, and decisiveness and who are taking bold steps to address a variety of issues affecting their communities.

**David A. Dinich, MEd**

President

Family Training and Advocacy Center

Philadelphia, PA

David A. Dinich is the administrator for the PA Psychiatric Leadership Council, a group comprised of community oriented psychiatrists, along w/other stakeholders in the public behavioral health system. The group is succeeding in its mission to recruit and retain more psychiatrists to work in Pennsylvania's rural and underserved areas, as well as impact upon those areas that affect access to the best psychiatric services. The members are actively engaged in promoting changes in the role and practice of doctors to reflect a recovery approach.

He is also the president of both the Family Training and Advocacy Center (FTAC), and Forensic System Solutions (FSS), both non-profit organizations and part of PMHCC Inc., the first working to increase family inclusion in behavioral health, and

the second involved in training and consultation to the courts and county behavioral health entities. Both groups have initiated new ways to address issues in their respective fields.

Prior to joining FTAC, Mr. Dinich was executive director of NAMI Pennsylvania, a mental health support and advocacy organization, for eleven years. During his tenure, NAMI PA came to be recognized as one of the leading NAMI organizations in the country and one of the leading advocacy organizations in Pennsylvania.

Prior to his position at NAMI PA, Mr. Dinich served for ten years as executive director of a private child-welfare agency in southwestern PA and West Virginia. During his tenure the agency moved from being the smallest of its type to the largest.

Mr. Dinich has a graduate degree in counseling from Duquesne University.

**James D. Fouts, LSW**

Director, Forensic Systems Solutions  
Philadelphia, PA

Jim Fouts has worked with Crisis Intervention and direct care mental health services for just over 40 years. He has worked closely with Police in Co-response Units and Crisis Intervention for over 35 years. For 8 years he has led efforts in developing CIT Programs regionally, training CIT classes in Intro to CIT and Mental Illness, Mental Health Laws, Suicide By Cop, De-escalation, Officer and Family Self Care and Emotional Intelligence.

For the last 3 years he has been the Director of Forensic Systems Solutions providing consultation to Behavioral Health and Forensic Systems throughout Pennsylvania. He is a co-facilitator to the PA Forensic Interagency Task Force and facilitates County Forensic Task Forces around the Commonwealth. He has developed the concept of Forensic System Process Mapping.

He is a Certified Public Safety Mental Health First Aid Trainer a certified Police Crisis Intervention Team Trainer. He is also a trainer for the Pennsylvania's crime related critical response team, the Keystone Crisis Intervention Team.

**Amy McNicholas Kroll M.A.**

Administrator of Re-entry Services  
Allegheny County Jail  
Pittsburgh, PA

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, Bachelor's Degrees in Law and Environmental Science.

**Lloyd G. Wertz, M.S.**

Vice-President for Policy and Program Development  
Family Training and Advocacy Center  
Philadelphia, PA

Lloyd Wertz has worked over 40 years in the Behavioral Health and Services to Aging fields, working in Partial Hospital, Vocational Rehabilitation, and BH Crisis Intervention services; directing large and small Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Units,

and as a County MH/IDS Administrator. In addition, he served over 12 years as Administrator in a large Assisted Living Program while advocating for and supporting the rights of the Consumer in the Community setting. Lloyd Wertz attended Penn State, Kutztown, and Millersville Universities receiving BA and MS degrees in Psychology with a focus on clinical work.

In his current position, he advocates at State, Local and Federal levels for the improved funding and supporting the delivery of high-quality, Recovery-Oriented Community BH services, offering information and suggestions to Legislators and their Staff in the consideration of proposed legislation relevant to the field. He has also testified before various Legislative Committees and attends/participates in numerous Committee and Task Force Meetings; all relevant to the funding and delivery of BH services in the Community, primarily focused on those funded through the Medical Assistance Program.

Currently Lloyd serves on the OMHSAS MH Planning Council's Adult Committee, the Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council, the OMAP Drug Utilization Review Board and Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the DOH State Health Plan Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force, and the OMHSAS Inpatient Regulations Development Work Group. This is in addition to provider organization committees on Behavioral Health, Criminal Justice, and Services to Older Adults.

### Learning Objectives

By the completion of this session, participants should be able to:

- 1) Identify efforts to reduce criminal justice system practices that dispose children and families to fragmentation, foster placement, addiction, and arrest
- 2) Describe approaches to state agencies and legislators responsible for policies that affect the mental health and wellbeing of children and families
- 3) Explain the most effective means of influencing legislators as to the effects of their actions on their constituencies.