



CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS (CIP) FORUM

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SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Jill E. Korbin, Ph.D. (UCLA 1978) is Associate Dean, Lucy Adams Leffingwell Professor of Anthropology, and Director of the Schubert Center for Child Studies, and Co-Director of the Childhood Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. Korbin's research interests include culture and human development; cultural, medical and psychological anthropology; neighborhood, community, and contextual influences on children and families; child maltreatment; and child and adolescent well-being. Korbin's awards include the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association and the Society for Applied Anthropology; a Congressional Science Fellowship through the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Society for Research in Child Development; the Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at Case Western Reserve University; and a Fulbright Senior Specialist Award in Australia (2005). Korbin has published primarily on child maltreatment in relationship to culture and context, and edited the first volume on culture and child maltreatment, *Child Abuse and Neglect: Cross-Cultural Perspectives* (1981, University of California Press.) Korbin and Richard Krugman, are currently co-editing a book series, *Child Maltreatment: Contemporary Issues in Research and Policy* (Springer) that includes *C. Henry Kemp: A 50 Year Legacy to Child Abuse and Neglect* (Krugman and Korbin, 2013) and *The Handbook of Child Maltreatment* (Korbin and Krugman, 2014). With international editors Ben-Arieh, Casas and Frones, she is a co-editor of the five volume *Handbook of Child Well-Being* (Springer, 2014). She has a commitment to mixed methods research and bridging research, practice, and policy related to the well-being of children and young people.

Julie Poehlmann-Tynan earned her Ph.D. in child clinical psychology from Syracuse University in 1995 and subsequently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in developmental psychopathology at the

University of Wisconsin. She has been on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison since 1999 and now serves as department chair. Her developmental focus includes infants, young children, and parents in the context of multiple risks, including parental incarceration. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, and gifts and grants from donors and foundations. She has published in a wide range of scholarly journals, including *Child Development*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Development and Psychopathology*, *American Psychologist*, *Pediatrics*, *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, and *Journal of Family Psychology*. She co-edited the 2010 book published by the Urban Institute Press entitled *Children of Incarcerated Parents*, and she has since edited two monographs about parent-child relationships and contact when parents are in prison or jail. Her current NIH-funded research includes observations of visits between young children and their jailed parents. Professor Poehlmann-Tynan is a licensed psychologist in two states and she serves as an advisor to Sesame Street on their Emmy-nominated initiative, *Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration*.

Linda J. Torbert, LISW-S earned her baccalaureate degree in Social Work from Cleveland State University and her Master's Degree from Case Western Reserve University Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. She has been employed by the Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County since 2010, as the Children's Project Administrator under the leadership of William M. Denihan, CEO & Valeria A Harper, COO. Linda's role is to identify and address systemic gaps, work closely with stakeholders, public systems and State representatives; as well as convene and facilitate local meetings and workgroups to ensure consistency and coordination relative to programs for children ages birth through 25.

Through various roles within the children's arena, Linda gained a wealth of knowledge and proficiency of the children's system in particular working with the most challenging youth in the County that required brief residential placement stays and/or community stabilization plans. She has a true passion for advocacy and planning on behalf of children. More importantly she enjoys collaborating among partnering child systems for which she gained greater appreciation through the Cleveland State Leadership Academy, where she obtained her certificate in 2012 and was awarded the ***Public Servant of the Year Award***.

Dee Ann Newell, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, has served as a practitioner of services for adjudicated, disenfranchised and at-risk youth and their families for the past thirty-five years and founded the third oldest non-profit serving children of the incarcerated in 1994. She received a Senior Justice Fellowship from the Open Society Institute with a project serving 14 states seeking to improve policies and practices for children of the incarcerated, particularly those who entered the child welfare system.

She serves as a consultant to the Annie E. Casey, the Council of State Governments, the National Re-Entry Resource Center, and Good Books, a publisher of many books on Restorative Justice. She has authored several journal articles and published a training guide for family re-entry. She is part of a US Federal Probation pilot project on pre-entry services and serves on the Steering Committee of the Central Arkansas Re-entry Coalition.

She was awarded the federal HHS Commissioner's Award for Child Abuse Prevention in 2005 for her efforts on behalf of children with incarcerated parents, and previously received the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Public Citizen Award in 2004 for her work with children of the incarcerated, an award given to non-social workers. She was named one of the 50 Most Influential People in Arkansas by the Arkansas Times in 2012, and was the only American to attend the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Discussion Day on Children of the Incarcerated in Geneva, Switzerland, at the behest of the American Quakers. She has received several social justice awards from state and local agencies in Arkansas, and is a nationally recognized trainer on topics of the children, incarcerated parents, and relative caregivers, a member of the first cohort of Grandparent Leaders of the National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights. She leads the state of Arkansas' *de facto* kinship navigator program since 2002, and has led several legislative studies on children of the incarcerated and relative caregivers at the Arkansas General Assembly, while working in other state legislatures to improve policies and practices for children of prisoners. In 2003, Arkansas passed the first state legislation to fund services for these children, their incarcerated and re-entering parents, and the caregivers. She continues these services, serving parents in the largest county jail in the state for 15 years, beginning in 1997, and in the state prisons. She provides family impact statements in state and federal court, crafts co-parenting agreements at the pre-entry stage whenever possible, and works with the children and families in school-based and community-based services, and within the prisons and jails. She has provided law enforcement training with rookie officers at the academy and during shifts in the local Sheriff's office with the deputies.

She was honored at the White House in June as a Champion of Change for her work with children of incarcerated parents for the past 25 years and spoke at The White House National Science Foundation event on research concerns for children of the incarcerated. She is a part-time instructor for the University of California at Davis concerning children of the incarcerated in the foster care system and the intersection with correctional policies and coordinates the National Policy Partnership for Children and Families of the Incarcerated and is an advisory board member of the National Resource Center for Children and Families of the Incarcerated at Rutgers University. 2014 is her 30th year as a provider, researcher and trainer on children of the incarcerated.

Lolita M. McDavid is Medical Director of Child Advocacy and Protection at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, the pediatric hospital of University Hospitals of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. She is responsible for community outreach and programming as well as coordinating the medical services for the Child Protection Unit, serving at-risk children and families in Northeast Ohio. She is a Professor of Pediatrics at CWRU School of Medicine. The Office of Child Advocacy initiated *Voices for Ohio's Children*, the leading child advocacy organization in the state.

From 1991 to 1995, she directed the Greater Cleveland Project of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). The project, which focused on the improvement and extension of health, anti-poverty, preschool and child support programs for local youngsters, was the first county-based advocacy effort in the country for the national Children's Defense Fund.

Prior to her work with CDF, McDavid was Head of General Pediatrics at MetroHealth Medical Center (MHMC), the largest public hospital in Ohio. At MHMC she directed the pediatric clinics, the newborn nursery, and coordinated the pediatric emergency room.

Education has been a constant in McDavid's life. Born to educators, she grew up in Wilberforce, Ohio, and earned an undergraduate degree at Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. She received a master's degree in public administration and urban development from the State University of New York and a medical degree from Case Western Reserve University.

After completing a pediatric residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, McDavid was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and a Bush Fellow in child development and social policy, both at Yale University.

An activist on both the community and national level, McDavid is a former trustee of Miami University of Ohio and the Cleveland Institute of Music. She has served on three

advisory boards of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, various committees of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and chaired the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee of the Academic Pediatric Association. Among her numerous awards, she has been honored by the Junior League of Cleveland, the YWCA of Cleveland, Providence House, *Cleveland Magazine*, *Northern Ohio Live*, and *Crain's Cleveland Business*. McDavid has received the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. She is a frequent commentator on local and national media sites.

"Lolly", as she is known, is married and the mother of two. Her daughter is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio and her son is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. She is proud to be in the third generation of college educated women in her family.

Jamonnie Price is seventeen years old and is a Peer Mentor with Project WHAT, a leadership development program for teens with incarcerated parents in the Bay Area. Jamonnie was left without a father at many times in her life but she gained so much ambition from it. She loves to play basketball and cares so much for other people. Her biggest dream is to become a WNBA star and to attend a four-year college out of high school. While chasing that dream Jamonnie wants to study to become an anesthesiologist.

Kmani Baxter is 17 years old and is a youth advocate at Project WHAT!, a leadership development program for teens with incarcerated parents in the Bay Area. Kmani attends Lincoln High School in San Leandro, CA and is committed to raising awareness about children with incarcerated parents with the long-term goal of improving services and policies that affect us.

Tracee Turner currently holds the position of Transition Specialist at Oriana House Inc. As a Transitional Specialist she works closely with members of the North Star Neighborhood Reentry Resource Center. Her primary responsibilities include conducting assessments and linking the members to services throughout the community. Turner's professional experience working with those that are formerly incarcerated and/or involved in the criminal justice system is quite extensive. Moreover, she is a caregiver of children of an incarcerated parent. During this time period it was not only impactful on the children she cared for, but just as impactful on Turner and her own child. It was quite stressful for Turner in the beginning, but fortunately she took advantage of the many support groups in the community. While being the caregiver her main priorities were to listen to the child, provide constant reassurance, stability, consistency, and most of all respect for the parental bond.

Damian Calvert born and raised in Akron, Ohio has made Cleveland his home for the past three years. He is currently pursuing his B.S in Non-Profit Administration from Cleveland State University. In addition to pursuing his current degree, Damian holds a number of collegiate level program certificates in Business, Hospitality, and Retail Administration from Ashland University. Damian has served as a Movement Builder Organizer for Stand Up for Ohio (Ohio Organizing Collaborative). In that capacity, he identified and developed community members who sought to lift their voices around economic and social justice issues and taught those leaders how to isolate an issue-cut out of a problem and make it actionable; encouraged and facilitated leadership development through story of self-creation/reclaiming their narratives; and, organized and facilitated trainings which all laid the foundation for sustainable movement building.

In addition, Damian facilitates reentry-preparation programs in several different facilities on behalf of various agencies such as the Collaboration Station, where he facilitates the Entrepreneurship program in Trumbull Correctional Institution; Reentry Bridge Network, where he oversees and facilitates the Mentoring Through Empowerment (MTE) Program in the Northeast Pre Release Center; and, most recently Case Western Reserve University where he is employed as a research assistant doing a Participant Observation of the Fatherhood Program in a Community Based Correction Facility (CBCF) and in North Star Community Resource Center. Moreover, Damian sits on numerous committees including The Greater Cleveland Community Engagement & Awareness Committee, Citizen Circle Committee, and, proudly the Juvenile Detention Inspection Committee, in which he chairs the Environment Committee and serves on the Program Committee.

As a dedicated, focused and resilient advocate and activist Damian can relate to the struggles of those less fortunate members of our society. Damian's drive and story of self-narrative is drawn from his 18 & 1/2 years of true life experience while serving time in prison. While some may shy away from revealing this fact about their life, Damian highlights it as a lesson learned for those in or on the cusp of facing the same fate. During his time incarcerated, Damian founded and was the inaugural president of the prison's NAACP chapter; became a certified American Red Cross instructor; served as Management Director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; facilitated various educational workshops; mentored at-risk adolescents who came into the facility from surrounding counties through the Heart-to-Heart Program; and, most notably, wrote, proposed and received authorization to facilitate the Reentry Premier Program which helped men prepare for successful transition back into their respective communities. Damian believes that we all tell stories in the way we live our lives... and that these stories can serve as tools to connect, to heal, and transmit our truths in ways that add dignity and value to ourselves and our communities.

Zoe Willmott is the Program Manager for Community Works' Project WHAT!. She is an alumni of the first Project WHAT! cohort, and returned to the program after earning a B.A. in Urban Studies from Barnard College, Columbia University. After participating in Project WHAT! as a youth advocate, Zoe's interest in advocacy on behalf of children of incarcerated parents grew. As the Program Manager, Zoe is able to use her own experience as a Project WHAT! alumni and a child of a formerly incarcerated parent which fuel her passion for advocacy and raising awareness about the far-reaching impacts of parental incarceration.

Elsie Day has been providing consultant services full-time since 2005, assisting public and private justice and human service agencies respond to their internal and community-wide challenges and opportunities utilizing the most effective and efficient policies and practices. She possesses a Juris Doctorate degree and Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Case Western Reserve University and is a licensed attorney in the state of Ohio. Her consulting work focuses on organizational and community-wide planning, program development, project management, and grant writing. Prior to consulting, she managed larger operating units at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and YMCA of Greater Cleveland. In addition, she contributed to the establishment of innovative projects such as the Children Who Witness Violence Project, the Guardian Ad Litem Program, and the Mentally Retarded Offender Project in the Greater Cleveland area which required motivating diverse groups to commit to a common goal and utilize their human and financial resources to achieve that goal. She employs consensus-building leadership, creativity, and strong organizational skills to achieve success for the organizations she serves.

Steve Killpack, MS is the Executive Director of the Community Endeavors Foundation and the Coordinator of the Healthy Fathering Collaborative of Greater Cleveland. The primary mission of both organizations is to develop and promote social and health services over the lifespan of fatherhood, beginning with young men who are not yet fathers through grandfathers and adult male mentors. Steve is also a founding Board Member of the Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families, a Community Representative to the National Children's Study and a former member of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

Patricia Rideout, JD has served as the director of Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services in Cleveland, Ohio since August 2011. She has over 30 years of experience in the child welfare field, as a lawyer, national consultant, and agency administrator. Rideout previously served for over 10 years as a senior consultant to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Family to Family initiative and as Project Executive with Case Commons, Inc. She is a former Deputy Director at Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services, and former director of Foster Care and Adoption at Bellefaire JCB in Shaker Heights, Ohio. She held a number of positions, including Program Director, during eight years at Lucas County Children Services. She has also been a Juvenile Court Magistrate in Toledo, and Director of the Guardian Ad Litem Clinic at the University of Toledo College of Law. Rideout is a graduate of Northwestern University and Stanford University Law School.

LaShann Eppinger holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Central State University. He has extensive professional experience working in corrections in a range of positions at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction dating back to 1994. He has served as Warden of Northeast Reintegration Center since 2010. He is active with the American Correctional Association and the National Association of American Wardens and Superintendents. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio.

James Spilsbury holds a PhD in Anthropology from Case Western Reserve University and a MPH in Health Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In broadest terms, his research interests involve understanding how the socio-cultural environment in which children grow and develop shapes their health and well-being. He has focused on violence as a critical environmental factor and is

currently investigating how exposure to violence affects children's sleep and, consequently, other aspects of children's psychological and social functioning. Dr. Spilsbury is also conducting mixed-methods research examining the effects of neighborhood context on child maltreatment, and he has conducted ethnographic research with children on their perceptions of neighborhood conditions and the links between these perceptions and children's help-seeking behavior. As Director of the Center for Clinical Investigation's Academic Development Core, Dr. Spilsbury manages the portfolio of educational and training activities offered to enhance the research community's expertise in conducting clinical and translational research.

James J. Lawrence has served as President and CEO of Oriana House, Inc., since 1981. Oriana House is a private, nonprofit agency in Ohio that provides residential and non-residential community corrections and substance abuse treatment programs to over 25,000 clients per year. The agency employs more than 600 people and provides services with locations in the counties of Summit, Cuyahoga, Seneca, Sandusky, and Erie Ohio.

From 1981 to 1985, Mr. Lawrence worked in the chemical dependency treatment unit of Edwin Shaw Hospital in Lakemore, Ohio in direct service and administrative capacities. During this time, he established Oriana House Inc. as a private, non-profit corporation whose mission was to provide community corrections services. In 1985, he became the full-time President and CEO of Oriana House, Inc.

Mr. Lawrence is an active participant in community corrections planning and policy at local, state, and national levels. He has served on the Governor's Committee on Prison Overcrowding and the Governor's Committee on Prison and Jail Overcrowding. Mr. Lawrence became an active member of the Advisory Board of the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission when it was formed in 1990 and continues to be active to the present day serving over 24 years. He is regularly called upon to offer insight and testimony to the state and federal legislature. Mr. Lawrence is active in a number of correctional associations, including The International Community Corrections Association (ICCA), The American Correctional Association, The Ohio Justice Alliance on Community Corrections, The American Jail Association and The Ohio Community Corrections Association. Mr. Lawrence also served as a member of the National Association of Counties (NACO) Justice and Public Safety Committee where he was active in justice issues with the National Association of Counties (NACO).

Mr. Lawrence was an instructor for the Department of Criminal Justice Studies at Kent State University for nine years (1982-1991). He is a current board member of the Summit County Social Services Advisory Board. Mr. Lawrence is also an active member of the Greater Akron Chamber through his service on the Government Affairs Committee. Mr. Lawrence is a past board member of the Peninsula Library and Historical Society, the Peninsula Library Foundation, the Akron Catholic Commission and the Ohio State Dental Board.

Mr. Lawrence received his BA and MA in Sociology/Corrections from Kent State University and resides in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio with his wife and their five children.

Erika L. Anthony born and raised in Long Island, NY relocated to Cleveland several years ago. Erika's holds a B.S. in Psychology from The Pennsylvania State University and a Masters of Public Administration from the Maxine G. Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. Currently, Erika is the

Director of Business Development at Oriana House, Inc. In this capacity, she is responsible for business development strategies, fund development, community relations and creating and maintaining collaborative relationships. Her diverse professional and community endeavors include law, advocacy, policy and civic engagement. Some of Erika's community endeavors include: Board Chair for the Cleveland Young Professional Senate, Graduate of the 2014 Cleveland Bridge Builders, Board Chair of the Negative Space Gallery and Fellowship Graduate of the New Leaders Council Class of 2014 – Cleveland Chapter. Most recently, she became the Co-Coordinator for OhioVOTES, which works in partnership with Nonprofit VOTE to support voter engagement activities for local nonprofits. Erika currently resides on the Westside of Cleveland with her husband and in her spare time enjoys spending time with her family, friends, travelling and exploring the historical and cultural assets of Greater Cleveland.