

Speaker Bios

Ahpantu Allah attends Ceasar Chavez High School as a junior and is due to graduate next year. He was born in Hayward, California in May 2001. Ahpantu is the youngest of 4 children and enjoys spending time with his siblings and 3-year-old nephew. At age 4, Ahpantu's father was incarcerated and sentenced to 33 years in prison. Unfortunately, due to the distance of where Ahpantu's father was placed, Ahpantu did not have consistent visits with his father. Ahpantu would like to bring attention to how kids are affected by parental incarceration and change laws so that kids can be considered when decisions are made about their parents.

Youth Plenary

Alyssa Tamboura works with Stanford University Medical School's Office of Communication. She is a student at Foothill College and has hopes of attending law school after the completion of her undergraduate degree. Alyssa is an adult child of a formerly incarcerated parent. She volunteers in both juvenile and adult correctional facilities and advocates for incarcerated individuals. Alyssa is an avid writer and storyteller. By sharing her experience, she hopes to raise awareness around family reunification and connection to heal the traumas that many endure during familial incarceration.

Opening performance, "Wait," a poem by Alyssa Tamboura

Alondra Aragon, SHE/HER/HERS, and in solidarity THEY/THEM. Alondra is a 21-year-old Xicana who was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is a Community Organizer at the Young Women's Freedom Center. She is also a mother, a wombyn warrior, and a passionate fighter for the empowerment of her people. During her journey here on Earth, she is dedicated to spreading light and love while honoring and protecting Mother Earth and community.

Breakout Session: Setting a Policy Agenda with and for Children of Incarcerated Parents

Amelia Jasmine Azul is a Yoga Alliance certified yoga instructor in Raja yoga through the Niroga Institute. She specializes in trauma-informed yoga, transformational life skills, and mindfulness – focusing on movement as a form of meditation to link body, breath, and mind.

Amelia comes from a family of artists, teachers, and healing practitioners. She is dedicated to sharing her love of creativity and empowered health with communities across the world. Her experience includes social work with youth in foster care and kids with incarcerated parents; offering professional development courses to staff in the judicial branch, university, and public schools; and teaching yoga, mindfulness and therapeutic art to children and adults. She is currently a staff member at WGU University, facilitating courses for teacher candidates pursuing elementary teaching credentials. www.UniverSoulArts.com

Lunchtime Trauma-Informed Yoga

Ann Adalist-Estrin is the Director of the National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated (NRCCFI) at Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey where she also teaches

in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice. Under Ann's leadership, NRCCFI has provided training and consultation to government and non-government agencies and community programs worldwide. Her consultations and publications include Sesame Street's "Little Children, Big Challenges Incarceration"; "Dependent Children of Incarcerated Parents: An Educational Video for Judges and Legal Professionals"; The Impact of Parental Incarceration on Children in the Child Welfare System Curriculum; Responding to Children and Families of Prisoners: A Community Guide; and The Children of Incarcerated Parents Library online at www.nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu. In 2013 she received the White House Champion of Change Award for her work as an advocate for children and families of the incarcerated.

Closing Plenary: Twelve Guiding Principles and Breakout Session: Responding to the Needs of Young Children and Families of the Incarcerated

Armondo DePina is the father of four children, a full-time student and lifelong resident of the San Francisco Bay area. For the majority of his life, he struggled with an array of problems including drug addiction, gang involvement, incarceration and being a runaway at a very young age. In March 2015 Armondo became a full-time employee as a parent advocate with A Better Way and Alameda County's Parent Engagement Program. He feels very privileged to take on an active role in the lives of parents as they navigate the Alameda County Child welfare system. As a formerly incarcerated parent, Armondo knows the challenges that these parents may face and is very committed to supporting them as they make changes to improve their lives. Armondo uses his personal experiences of incarceration to help inform his work as a new member of Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (ACCIPP) and co-facilitator for Parent Caregiver Advisory Group (PCAG).

Breakout Session: Parents & Caregivers: An Alternative Perspective to the Effect of the Criminal Justice System on Children

Arielle Harris is the Volunteer Coordinator and Program Manager of POPS, and a Graduate of The University of Nice. Arielle began her studies at UC Santa Barbara before moving to France to continue her studies. When she was 16, Arielle moved from her home in St. Simons Island, Georgia to Los Angeles where she found comfort and new friends in clubs at Santa Monica High School. After graduating high school, Arielle taught dance to underprivileged teens. Arielle was drawn to POPS the Club because she sees herself in the POPS students. She is thrilled to have the chance to pay it forward.

Breakout Session: Ringing the Bell: 3 Models of School-Based Initiatives to Better Support Children of Incarcerated Parents

Arlene F. Lee is the Executive Director of the State of Maryland Governor's Office for Children. She held this same role from 2005 until 2007, rejoining in 2015 after a successful term at the National Academy of Sciences as the Board Director for the Committee on Law and Justice. Ms. Lee has also served as the Director of Policy at the Center for the Study of Social Policy and oversaw PolicyforResults.org, a leading national resource for results-based policy. She has served as the Deputy Director of the Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Director of the Federal Resource Center for Children of Prisoners and Youth Strategies Manager for the

Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Washington College and a law degree from American University. As a result of her work, Arlene was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and has received three Governor's Citations.

Inaugural Innovator Award for Children of Incarcerated Parents, Recipient

Ashley Bell, SHE/HER. Ashley is a 25-year-old San Francisco native, a student at CCSF, and Community Organizer at the Young Women's Freedom Center. She is an African American healer, womanist, and activist, who has personal experience with the special education system. Ashley feels she must advocate for kids in special education and on behalf of the members of her community to make sure that their voices are heard.

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Assembly Member Tony Thurmond represents California's 15th Assembly District which includes the East Bay communities that stretch along the I-80 corridor from Hercules to Oakland. He serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment and a member of the Assembly Committees on Education, Health, Human Services, Water, Parks, and Wildlife. Prior to his election to the Assembly, he served on the Richmond City Council from 2005 to 2008, the West Contra Costa Unified School District from 2008 to 2012 and served as Senior Director of Community and Government Relations at Lincoln Child Center.

A Fellow in the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Children and Family Fellowship program, Assembly member Thurmond is a graduate and former student body president of Temple University. Assembly member Thurmond did his graduate work at Bryn Mawr College where he received a dual Master's Degrees in Law and Social Policy, and Social Work. He lives in Richmond, California.

Opening Remarks

Bishop Ronald Davis was born and raised in Oakland California where he developed a love for God and caring for children. In 1996 he was sentenced to a 22-year sentence in a California State Prison. After 19 and a half years, "Ronnie" was released in March 2014. When "Ronnie" was released from prison, he wanted to give back, and for the last four years has been an active member of ACCIPP's Parent Caregiver Advisory Group. Although he has no children of his own, he has cared for seven children of incarcerated parents for many years. These experiences have created a passion for helping make a change in the lives of the children of incarcerated parents.

Breakout Session: Parents & Caregivers: An Alternative Perspective to the Effect of the Criminal Justice System on Children

Chief Ann Kirkpatrick was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. Chief Anne E. Kirkpatrick is a 34-year veteran law enforcement leader. In her words, she comes to Oakland because her goal is “to lead an agency that wants to be transformed, and OPD meets that profile.”

Chief Kirkpatrick began her career in law enforcement with the Memphis Police Department in 1982. She went on to earn the rank of sergeant with the Redmond (Washington) Police Department, where she also served as Assistant Commander for the State Law Enforcement Academy and was a criminal procedure instructor and tactical officer. Concurrently, she attended and completed night law school. She has conducted national trainings on the topics of Procedural Justice, Implicit Bias, and Executive Leadership.

Chief Kirkpatrick also served as Chief of Police for the Washington cities of Spokane, Federal Way and Ellensburg. She also held the post of Chief Deputy (Undersheriff) in King County, Washington and served as Chief of the Bureau of Organizational Development for the Chicago Police Department.

Chief Kirkpatrick holds a BA in business administration, a master’s degree in counseling psychology, and a Juris Doctorate from Seattle University Law School. She is a graduate of the three top leadership schools of the FBI: The FBI National Academy, The FBI National Executive Institute, and the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development School.

Breakout Session: Model Policies to Care for Children Present at the Time of Their Parent’s Arrest

Carol Burton, LMSW is Interim Director of Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, Co-Chair of Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (ACCIPP), Professor of Social Work at California State University - East Bay, and Founder of Jeweld Legacy Group (www.jeweldlegacy.com) where she provides a range of capacity building services across the nation for public and private institutions, organizations and individuals serving the criminal justice population and marginalized communities. Carol has a wealth of experience in designing innovative programming and partnerships and she serves as a trusted advisor and strategic thought partner for executive leadership. Carol is the Principal Investigator for the country's first comprehensive program and longitudinal study on children of incarcerated parents. She served as an advisor on several initiatives including the Sesame Street toolkit “Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration”. Carol received the White House Champion of Change Award for her outstanding work on behalf of Children of Incarcerated Parents.

A Call to Action and Breakout Session: Model Policies to Care for Children Present at the Time of Their Parent’s Arrest

Chesa Boudin served as a law clerk to the Hon. Margaret McKeown of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals from 2011-2012 and the Honorable Charles Breyer on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California from 2013-2014. In 2011 Chesa completed his J.D. at Yale Law School. A Rhodes Scholar, he earned two master's degrees from Oxford University in 2006 and 2004. In 2003 he graduated summa cum laude from Yale College.

Chesa has translated, edited, and authored several books. His scholarly law articles cover a range of topics such as direct democracy, immigration, institution building, the rights of children with incarcerated parents, and prison visitation policies.

Chesa Boudin is currently a trial attorney at the San Francisco Public Defender. He grew up visiting both of his parents in prison from the time he was 14 months old. His father remains in prison [today](#).

Opening Plenary

Daniel Beaty is an award-winning actor, singer, writer, and community activist. He is the co-writer/star of the critically acclaimed feature film *Chapter & Verse*. His critically acclaimed plays *Through the Night*, *Emergency*, *Mr. Joy*, and *The Tallest Tree in the Forest - Paul Robeson*, have been performed at venues ranging from Lincoln Center to the White House, and garnered numerous awards including an Obie award for writing and performance and three NAACP Theater Awards. A highly requested performer & keynote speaker, Beaty has worked throughout the U.S., Europe, and Africa. In fall 2011, Beaty launched a nationwide initiative called I DREAM using the tools of storytelling to help individuals and communities heal trauma. I DREAM currently serves thousands of young people in three cities across America. A graduate of Yale University (BA) & American Conservatory Theatre (MFA), Beaty is developing an original T.V. show based on his life for USA Network, Executive Produced by multi-Grammy Award Winning Artist, Alicia Keys and Vin Diesel. Beaty just completed a documentary about the impact of mass incarceration on children and families called *Behind the Glass*. A child of an incarcerated parent himself, Daniel's poem *Knock Knock* has become an internet sensation receiving over 30 millions view and has been made into a children's book, also titled *Knock Knock*, published by Little Brown Books. www.DanielBeaty.com

Opening Plenary and Lunchtime Performance

Danielle Nicole Motley is the Founder and Principal Consultant of The Motley Collective, a social impact consulting firm, that works with organizations in the Bay Area and Metro Detroit on various criminal justice initiatives. She is also the Managing Associate of Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership. Danielle is dedicated to improving the quality of life and outcomes for marginalized youth, families and persons impacted by the criminal justice system through advocacy, policy change and the creation of constructive opportunities. Danielle brings to the work, 10+ years of cross-sectoral leadership experience and passion driven by her lived experience and interception with the criminal justice system. Danielle received her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University (Detroit) and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Michigan.

Breakout Session: Self-Expression to Advocacy – Youth ONLY Session

DeAngela Cooks hails from Los Angeles, CA. DeAngela Cooks is an acclaimed host, workshop facilitator, public speaker and author. Her work is grounded in social awareness and self-care, bringing passion, humor, and a generous spirit to her diverse audiences. She's graced the stages of Showtime at the Apollo, NBC's "Stand-up for diversity", NAACP's regional conferences and more. She is deeply committed to engaging her clients in activities that encourage emotional growth and agency. DeAngela possesses a M.A. in Counseling Psychology and currently brings her gifts to the Oakland based non-profit, Project WHAT!, a youth-led organization that brings awareness to the children of incarcerated parents. www.DeAngela.net.

Master of Ceremony and Breakout Session: Ringing the Bell: 3 Models of School-Based Initiatives to Better Support Children of Incarcerated Parents

Deja, better known as Besitaaas, SHE/HER. Deja is an 18-year-old Samoan woman and mother who was born and raised in the Bay Area. She is a Community Organizer at the Young Women's Freedom Center and student at a five keys charter school. Deja's dreams are to one day be a homeowner and continue to be a role model to others showing them that you can accomplish all your goals in life even while being a young mother.

Breakout Session: Setting a Policy Agenda with and for Children of Incarcerated Parents

Douglas Smith is the proud father of four children and a member of PCAG. Before joining PCAG three years ago, Douglas worked at the Children's Hospital in Oakland, CA. Douglas migrated to the Bay Area after being honorably discharged from the Military. He graduated from Golden Gate University and is a certified paralegal. He is committed to using his education and personal experience with the criminal justice system to address the issues attached to incarceration.

Breakout Session: Parents & Caregivers: An Alternative Perspective to the Effect of the Criminal Justice System on Children

Ebony Underwood is the founder of We Got Us Now, Inc., a filmmaker, content creator and Soros Justice Fellow at the forefront of reform initiatives supporting children of incarcerated parents. Ebony's interest in this advocacy work is personal and pivotal. As a daughter of an incarcerated parent, Ebony was traumatized by her father's incarceration, silently suffering for years.

In 2014, Ebony began to speak publicly and share her story through film, television and social media advocacy. She has directed and produced the video, Open Plea to the President; created a documentary short, Hope for Father's Day and website about her family's ordeal. She's published articles in Huffington Post, Vibe and Mic.

In 2016, Ebony spearheaded the Google-initiated digital Love Letters Campaign to demonstrate the unbreakable bond between an incarcerated parent and their child on Mother's Day and Father's Day. In 2017, she received a Proclamation from the City of New York for her advocacy work highlighting the issue of children of incarcerated parents. Ebony is a herald voice championing for

the millions of children and young adults impacted by parental incarceration speaking nationally at Yale Law School, Columbia Law School, NYU Law School, American Law School, John Jay School of Criminal Justice, Sing Sing State Correctional facility, Google and YouTube. Her advocacy work has expanded into a nonprofit and movement built by, led by and for children impacted by parental incarceration - #WeGotUsNow.

Opening Plenary and Youth Plenary, Moderator

Heather Rowlett is the Family Preservation Project Coordinator embedded within Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon. She has spent time as a Community-Based Crisis and ICTS Family therapist, and as a trainer and coach at the Regional Research Institute for Human Services. She lives in Portland with the most handsome canine to ever shed all over the house, Hamilton.

Breakout Session: 'Like a Shield: A Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents in Oregon,' Film Screening and Discussion

Jackie Schalit, MFT, is an experienced infant mental health clinician who serves as the team leader for the Families in Recovery Staying Together (FIRST) Team at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland. The FIRST Team specializes in working with families affected by substance abuse and incarceration. She has presented nationally and internationally on topics related to trauma, substance abuse and incarceration. Prior to joining the FIRST team 15 year ago, Jackie worked at residential and out patient drug treatment programs.

Breakout Session: Healing Bonds Inside and Out: Treatment In and Outside of Custody

Jakaela Foster is the Program Coordinator for Project WHAT!'s Alameda county cohort and alumni of the program. Being alumni means Jakaela brings ideas to Project WHAT!'s team that only one with CIP experiences can contribute. She strives towards improving the lifestyles children of incarcerated parents live everyday. Currently enrolled in community college, her future plans are to tackle the finance world by becoming a financial advisor. In addition to forming a space for CIP to come and openly express their setbacks while learning how to accept themselves.

Youth Plenary

Jeff Rackmil, LCSW is the Child and Young Adult System of Care Director for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS). Jeff began his career with Alameda County BHCS in 1998 and has held the positions of: System of Care Coordinator, Assistant Director Children's System of Care and Juvenile Justice Health Services Director. Jeff has played an instrumental role in developing an integrated System of Care approach, partnering with child-serving agencies including Social Services, Juvenile Probation, and the Regional Center of the East Bay. Jeff firmly believes that in order to be effective in helping the children and families of Alameda County, agencies must work collaboratively.

Jessica Katz, Program Director: Center for Justice Involved Families

Jessica Katz founded the Family Preservation project and its predecessor in 2003. She has been working with underserved families for over twenty years. Ms. Katz is passionate about supporting families impacted by incarceration and serves as an advocate for these families through lobbying efforts, as well as facilitating outreach and public education campaigns. She serves as an adjunct faculty at the Portland State University's School of Social Work. She has presented at local and national conferences including: The National Even Start Association, the Centerforce Annual Summit, the Prisoner's and Families Annual Conference, and The Portia Project's "Women in Prison Conference". She sat on both the statewide, and Multnomah County's, Children of Incarcerated Parents workgroups. She was recently recognized by the American Bar Association as a 2015 Re-unification Hero. Prior to her work with FPP, she worked with the Children's Aid Society in New York City, to create programs advocating for the rights of parents within the child welfare system. She also taught legal education workshops at prisons throughout New York, regarding the rights of incarcerated parents through Columbia University's Family Law Clinic, where she earned her Master's in Social Work and Certificate in Law.

Breakout Session: 'Like a Shield: A Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents in Oregon,' Film Screening and Discussion

Jessica Stillman As a caseworker for Verity in Sonoma County, Jessica focuses on addressing the needs of victims of human trafficking. Jessica received her Bachelor's Degree in International Studies from the University of San Diego and her Master's degree in Public Health from University of San Francisco where she focused on violence prevention. She served two years in the Peace Corps as a HIV Health Specialist in Ecuador.

As a child of incarcerated parents, Jessica has first-hand knowledge about the special challenges these children face. Following graduate school, she worked with Project AVARY, a Bay Area program providing summer camp and weekend activities to support this population. She piloted "the Peacemakers," an innovative program designed to empower teenagers to share personal stories about how their parents' incarceration impacted their lives. She was honored to speak about this unique program at the National Public Health Conference in October 2017.

Jessica continues to support the needs of at-risk youth in her community by facilitating the "Girl Circle Groups," i.e., weekly discussion groups for victims of human trafficking, for Sonoma County Youth and Family Services.

Opening Plenary

Jocelyn Mati, SHE/HER. Jocelyn was born & raised in San Francisco. Jocelyn is a Community Organizer at the Young Women's Freedom Center. Yearning for change, she is interested in creating communities that dispose of hate and uplift love.

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John Keene was appointed Chief Probation Officer in June of 2013. Chief Keene brings more than 20 years of law enforcement experience to his role. Before his appointment, he served as Deputy Chief Probation Officer in Alameda County. Chief Keene has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Southern University. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chief Keene is committed to Public Protection, Victim Restoration, and Offender Rehabilitation. He believes that the development, implementation, and sustainability of Evidenced Based Programming is the future of Community Corrections.

Opening Plenary, Moderator

Marvin Jordan is a Parent Advocate with PCAG and father to four beautiful children. Marvin's struggles with dependencies lead him to be involved with the justice system at different stages in his life. The experiences he has as a parent to children with a justice involved father and his history of dependency have created an unwavering devotion to providing support and resources to those with similar experiences.

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Maria Casey has worked with Alameda County Office of Education as a Professional Expert since June 2013. Currently she is the immediate past Interim Executive Director of the Student Wellness/CA Healthy Kids and After School Resource Centers Department. Prior to joining ACOE, she served as Executive Director of Partnership for the Public's Health, a center of the Public Health Institute; Director of Healthy Eating Active Communities (HEAC), a program of the California Endowment and Kaiser Permanente; and was President and CEO of the Oakland-based Urban Strategies Council, a research, policy development and advocacy organization focused on reducing persistent poverty. She is well known for her work building community partnerships and coalitions; engaging and building multi-sector leadership for change; and designing and implementing programs and initiatives aimed at building healthy, vibrant communities.

Mary Jayne Sims, Ph.D. Psychotherapist, Consultant and Trainer, is a clinical psychologist at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and a member of the Families In Recovery Staying Together (FIRST) team that provides services to children 0-7 and families who are impacted by incarceration and substance abuse.

In addition, Dr. Sims has a private practice in Oakland, CA and has over 25 years of experience working with individuals, families and couples. Also, a consultant and trainer and has trained on such topics as: working with African American children and families, The use of self in providing services, Multicultural issues, and complex trauma.. Dr. Sims has appeared on the radio station Childhood Matters discussing raising sons, discipline in the African American culture and temper tantrums. As a psychotherapist, Dr. Sims is committed to respect and culturally competent care for all.

Breakout Session: Healing Bonds Inside and Out: Treatment In and Outside of Custody

Mila Miranda is a formerly incarcerated mother of five. Mila has graduated college and started a successful career in **post operative services**, while being a member of PCAG. Through her work, she hopes that she can give every person affected by incarcerated a voice.

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Ms. Ivy Harris is a lifelong Bay Area resident and dedicated caregiver to children with incarcerated parents. Ivy formerly served as the Director of Social Services and has since become a Foster Parent. Ms. Ivy served as the guardian of her niece while her sibling was incarcerated. As a result of these experiences, Ivy became a member of PCAG and ACCIPP; she is pleased with the changes they have made and looks forward to future endeavors.

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Natalie Bell is the former Lead Clinician at San Francisco County Jail 2 and 4. She is currently a Marriage Family Therapist Intern that practices Gestalt therapy at clinics in San Francisco and Oakland. In addition to being a therapist intern Natalie also works with juvenile lifers at San Quentin as a group facilitator.

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Nicole Cruz, SHE/HER. Nicole is a San Francisco native who has defied the odds against her to graduate high school and complete probation. Nicole is a proud Latina, and a Community Organizer at the Young Women's Freedom Center. As a loyal community member, she enjoys helping her those in her community and is committed to creating an environment filled with laughter and happiness.

Breakout Session: Setting a Policy Agenda with and for Children of Incarcerated Parents

Nova Sweet is an esteemed Family Preservation Project Alumna (c/o15). She has lead multiple efforts in her role as a Community Outreach Specialist for the YWCA's Family Preservation Project, and has demonstrated tremendous leadership within her community. She served as a Teaching Assistant at Portland State University for an Inside/Out Senior Capstone course dedicated to smart criminal justice reform. Nova sits on the Governors Re-entry Task Force, as well as a newly-formed implementation team of the Governors Re-entry Council. The team will work exclusively to actualize the rights articulated in the Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents, which Nova was instrumental in helping to pass this past legislative session.

Nova holds a MA in the Administration of Justice and a MS in Social Work with pending licensure in Oregon.

Breakout Session: 'Like a Shield: A Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents in Oregon,' Film Screening and Discussion

Pamela Mchombo-Taylor is the Clinical Case Manager at the Carl B. Metoyer Center for Family Counseling in deep east Oakland and has worked in the mental health field for over 25 years. Pamela has an extraordinary gift at developing therapeutic relationships and alliances with families who are mandated to attend family counseling. In addition to her work in family counseling, she is a leader in her Church helping formerly incarcerated adults find resources. She is a mother of four African American males and as a result of her oldest son being down for 15 years, in 2003, she teamed up with Kairos Outside (KO) a ministry that supports those of us whose lives have been impacted by incarceration. Pamela continues to join with those who have been or have loved ones that are incarcerated. Today, her son is on his own, off parole, legally productive and single. Pamela serves on the PCAG – Parent Caregiver Advisory Group to ACCIPP. She serves as a panelist for Oakland Unified School District’s School Attendance Review Board (SARB) and is an appointed Commissioner, for Alameda County Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPCC).

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Pamela Neher has a deep commitment to increasing access to behavioral health services to those in her community, and has been serving Alameda County residents since 2006. She has served the community across multiple agencies including Children and Family Services and Adult Forensic Behavioral Health. She is currently a Clinical Supervisor with Alameda County Sherriff Office’s Youth & Family Services Bureau (YFSB). Pamela supervises the Operation My Home Town reentry programs at Santa Rita Jail and at Glen Dyer Detention Facility, and also supervises the Maximizing Opportunities for Mothers to Succeed (M.O.M.S.) and Dads Acquiring and Developing Skills (D.A.D.S.) Programs at the Parents and Children Together (P.A.C.T.) Complex. Pamela received her Master’s Degree in Social Work from San Jose State University, and has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 2011.

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Paradyse Oakley is originally from South Los Angeles and graduate of Lawndale High School. Paradyse stays abreast of current events and is eager to learn new things. Her passions are Health, Prison Reform, Education and being a voice for the youth in South LA and she aspires to become a Criminal Justice Lawyer or Public Servant in the Political arena.

Currently attending the University of California, Santa Cruz majoring in Political Science and International Relations. Paradyse is currently involved in National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Black Women Alliance (BWA), Black Student Union (BSU), Klesis and Destination Higher Education (DHE) Intern.

Youth Plenary

Rosario Corado-Biggs is a recent graduate of the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) where she earned her Bachelors of Arts in Community Studies. During her time at UCSC, she studied the effects of parental incarceration on children in addition to doing field research on Project WHAT!, a non-profit for youth that aims to spread awareness on the impacts of parental

incarceration. Rosario now works for Project WHAT! as the Program Coordinator of the San Francisco cohort. Her passion for serving youth with incarcerated parents stems from her own experience of having a parent who was incarcerated when she was young, she hopes to use her research to continue to improve policies and services that effect these youth. Rosario's long term goal is to become a diversity and inclusion consultant specifically for technology companies, in hopes to bring racial and cultural equity into the field. For inquiries, she can be reached at rcoradobiggs@communityworkswest.org.

Youth Plenary

Sarah West Carson is Consultant in the field of criminal justice reform. For three years she was the Program Director of the One Family program, a comprehensive trauma-informed parenting program for incarcerated parents and their children. She was responsible for the clinical design and implementation, and supervised the day-to-day operations of the program that served three county jails and two county run re-entry probation departments. She engages senior leadership of sheriff's departments and state correctional boards in policy design, implementation, and evaluation as it relates to incarcerated parents. Additionally, she supports national efforts to raise awareness of the impact of mass incarceration on children. She also provides trainings to social work schools throughout the Bay Area around best practices when working with system involved families. Carson draws from 20 years of treating children with disenfranchised loss including youth in foster care, international refugee camps, and child trafficking victims for Scotland Yard. Her work with the Boston Police Department providing station-based mental health interventions lead her to understand what happens at the intersection of clinical best practices and our nation's penal system. She is a licensed clinical social worker.

Spring Keosoupha is a child of currently, and formerly incarcerated parents, and a member of PCAG. Spring has been justice involved her own life and has first-hand experience with family reunification, as well as other harsh policies surrounding incarceration. Spring has overcome adversity, engaged in higher education and employment, and is a committed advocate for those that have struggled with similar challenges.

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Tyson Amir is an author, musician, educator, community organizer, and freedom fighter born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the spirit of The Dragon, George Lester Jackson, endeavors to utilize any and all resources at his disposal as weapons to bring about the eventual liberation of his people. Tyson has been engaged in movement work since the late 1990s. His movement work has influenced his artistic work. Black Boy Poems, his debut release as an author is an example of that. Black Boy Poems is a powerful, timely, and revolutionary body of literature that seeks to inspire his people towards liberation. www.tysonamir.com.

Lunchtime Performance and Breakout Session: Self-Expression to Advocacy – Youth ONLY Session

Zabrina Alequire currently represents parents and children in San Francisco's dependency court,

and is a certified Child Welfare Law Specialist. Zabrina, with Eliza Patten, are co-founders of the East Bay Family Defenders, the first interdisciplinary family defense agency in Alameda County. She formerly defended parents in New York at Brooklyn's Family Defense Practice and at The Door's Legal Services Center. Her recent legislative and policy efforts were aimed at preventing overuse of suspension and expulsion in public schools, curbing racially discriminatory school discipline practices, and diverting children away from the delinquency system. She is a co-author of the recent Equal Justice Society report, "Breaking the Chains: the School-to-Prison Pipeline, Implicit Bias, and Racial Trauma."

Breakout Session: Model Policies to Care for Children Present at the Time of Their Parent's Arrest