

OPENING PLENARY: 9:00am – 10:15am

Room 200

- Paster Ernest McNear, *True Gospel Tabernacle Church*
- Philadelphia Prison Commissioner Giorla
- Deputy Mayor Everett Gillison
- Benjamin Green, *Reaching Out: Support with Action*
- Waheedah Shabazz-El, *CHAMP*

MORNING WORKSHOPS: 10:30am-12:00pm

Accessing Addiction Services: Drug Treatment Linkages Behind the Walls and in the Community

Room 217A

This workshop will examine the addiction services continuum of care in two county jail systems, the Philadelphia Prison System and Delaware County's George W Hill Correctional Facilities. Drug treatment programs available behind the walls and mechanisms to facilitate links to drug treatment in the community will be discussed. The challenges in meeting the service needs for individuals experiencing incarceration in multiple counties will also be discussed.

Katherine Addison, *FIR*

Kim Ragan, *OPTIONS*

Robert Ximines, *CBH*

Derek Ford, *BHSI*

Dawn Lenny, *Mental Health Management*

Alicia Jacobs, *Drug & Alcohol Liaison at George W Hill Correctional Facility*

Diana McGinley, *Drug and Alcohol Evaluator at George W Hill Correctional Facility*

Moderator: Rick Tull, *Office of Addiction Services*

Enhancing Your Mind, Body and Spirit While Supporting Loved Ones Who Are Imprisoned and/or Released

Room 206

In this workshop, participants will learn about and practice techniques to enhance their mind, body and spirit while dealing with the stresses of supporting a loved one who is in prison.

Released prisoners will also benefit from the suggestions provided. Recognizing the many ways we protect ourselves from emotional pain, the presenters will describe easily accessed strategies that can contribute to spiritual well-being.

Lori Curtis, *Program Director SILOAM*

Bernadette Kinniry, *SILOAM*

Housing is a Human Right: The Housing First Model and the Needs of Returning Prisoners

Room 217B

Lack of safe, affordable housing is one of the most critical needs faced by returning prisoners. Individuals with mental illness and addiction often face some of the biggest barriers to housing access, and are also disproportionately incarcerated. This workshop will explore the housing first model, in which housing is provided immediately without prerequisites and includes wraparound services to support residents. Representatives from local agencies employing this model will share local housing resources with participants.

Phyllis Ryan-Jackson, *Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness*

David Dunbeck, *Horizon House Director of Homelessness Services*

Darryl Nicholson, - *Pathways to Housing*

Moderator: Mimi McNichol, *Philadelphia FIGHT*

Legislative Update

Room 207

In both the PA General Assembly and on the Federal level, prison reform legislation is seeking to address critical justice system issues affecting incarcerated people and individuals reentering society. Hear a comprehensive overview of exciting legislative developments and their impact on the criminal justice system. Legislation will include the Second Chance Act and bills to support children of incarcerated parents.

Anne Schwartzman, *Pennsylvania Prison Society*

Support Center for Prison Advocacy: Organizing a Neighborhood-Based Coalition for Healing and Transformation

Room 220

Last summer, a group of community activists and faith leaders came together to launch a city-wide prison coalition. The result was the Support Center for Prison Advocacy, a unique community-led, community-inspired initiative. Join us for an interactive discussion about the inspiring neighborhood networks already being built in North and South Philadelphia, and next steps for community mobilization to bring the healing and restoration our neighborhoods need.

Jane Shull, *Philadelphia FIGHT*

Reverend McNear, *Kingdom Care Reentry Network*

Teresa Sullivan, *Reaching Out: Support with Action*

Wilfredo Rojas, *PPS Office of Community Justice and Outreach*

Moderator: Laura McTighe, *CHAMP*

Continuum of Care: HIV and Imprisonment in Delaware County

Room 223

This workshop will focus on linkages of HIV positive inmates to primary care and supportive services upon release. Panelists will highlight programs engaging in this work both inside the prison walls and in the community.

Julius Freeman, *Delaware County*

Alicia Smith, *Delaware County*

Moderator: Sandi Newsome, *Family Planning Council*

Community Led Responses to Address the Needs of LGBTQI Prisoners

217D

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex people are disproportionately involved in the criminal justice system. When imprisoned, these populations face heightened risks of assault, especially sexual assault, barriers accessing appropriate, culturally competent medical care and services, and are often placed in gender inappropriate housing. Local and national speakers will address campaigns to address these issues and meet the needs of these populations. Settings to be discussed include New York City, Washington, DC, and Philadelphia, and will include local work addressing the PA DOC and policy reform within the juvenile justice system in Philadelphia.

Darby Hickey, *Just Detention International*

Gabriel Arkles, *Sylvia Rivera Law Project*

Adrian Lowe, *TIP*

Erica Smith, *CHOP/Youth Study Center*

Moderator: Val Sowell, *Philadelphia FIGHT*

Beyond Prayer: Faith Based Support for Reentry

Room 205

The faith community plays a critical role reaching and supporting inmates both within the prison walls and upon their return to the community. Hear from those at the forefront of prison ministry and faith based support during incarceration and the often difficult transition home. Speakers will include representatives from multiple faith communities, including Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, and Muslim perspectives on prison work.

Greg Thompson- *Kingdom Care Reentry Network*

Angela Harvey, *COLOURS*

Hanif Moore, *No House Untouched*

Minister Rodney Muhammad, *Muhammad's Mosque of Islam*

Moderator: Phyllis Taylor, RN Chaplain, *Philadelphia Prison System*

Family Unification: Strengthening and Supporting Returning Mothers and Fathers

Room 217C

This workshop will focus on the impact of incarceration on families, providing an overview of available supports and highlighting efforts to enhance services and support for children and their returning mothers and fathers. Service providers and former prisoners on the front lines of this work will strategize on how to strengthen families during incarceration, including working with fathers who are former prisoners to initiate positive change. A family advocacy lawyer will present a legal perspective on family reunification.

Pamela Superville, *Pennsylvania Prison Society*

Joel Austin, *Daddy University*

Sarah Katz, *Community Legal Services*

Moderator: Waheedah Shabazz-El, *CHAMP*

LUNCH: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS I: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Mental Health Continuity of Care

Room 217A

The goals of this workshop are to present services and supports both inside and outside the Philadelphia Prison System, with an emphasis on continuity of care. Panelists will explain protocols and supports from the time of arrest, including the comprehensive training of Philadelphia Police to manage individuals living with SMI, mental health care within the PPS, civil mental health court, and support services for individuals' return to the community.

Shamar David-Fetherson, MSW, *Mental Health Association of South Eastern PA Forensics Program*

Dawn Lenny, *Mental Health Management*

Rob Mayer, *Specialized Clinical and Criminal Justice Unit Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health*

Russell Long, *Mental Health Liason, Adult Probation and Parole, Delaware County*

Moderator: Jody Barilotti, *Consumer Satisfaction Team*

Project UNSHACKLE: Building a National Movement at the Intersection of HIV and Mass Imprisonment

Room 220

HIV and imprisonment are connected – in the lives of individuals passing through prison, and in the very fabric of our communities. Since May 2008, Project UNSHACKLE has been building a locally-rooted, national network to confront mass imprisonment as part of comprehensive HIV

prevention justice. Join us for an interactive discussion of Project UNSHACKLE's work in communities nationwide, and ideas for how you can get involved!

Laura McTighe, *CHAMP*

Waheedah Shabazz-El, *CHAMP*

HIV Continuity of Care: Philadelphia's Model to Link HIV+ Inmates to Care and Services

Room 223

This workshop will outline the continuum of care for inmates living with HIV in the Philadelphia Prison System. Topics to be explored include HIV testing and counseling in the PPS and Philadelphia FIGHT and Action AIDS' partnership to enhance services and linkages to HIV medical care upon release from the PPS. A special focus will be placed on Prison Health Services role in continuity of care, including the perspective of PHS' infectious disease provider, Dr. D'Aquilante, and an explanation of the secure release pharmacy program for medication continuity after release.

Sarah Smith, PA-C, *Jonathan Lax Treatment Center*

Sean Harris, *ActionAIDS Philadelphia Linkage Program Discharge Planner*

Tahirah Tyler, *AACO Prison Social Worker*

Dr. Debra D'Aquilante, *Prison Health Services, Infectious Disease*

Rachel Forbes, *Prison Health Services*

Sharon Dean, RN, *Prison Health Services*

Mary Coco, *Philadelphia FIGHT, Prison Care Outreach*

Moderator: Pat Fitzgerald, *ActionAIDS Philadelphia Linkage Program Coordinator*

Veterans and Incarceration

Room 217D

This workshop will explore the overrepresentation of veterans in the criminal justice system, the unique needs of this population, and the veteran's specific services available to support them during incarceration and after release. Speakers include representatives from the VA Medical Center, the Philadelphia Veteran's Advisory Committee, IMPACT Services veteran's program, and a legal perspective from the Homeless Advocacy Project's veteran's program.

Edgar Howard, *Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Committee*

Otis Nash, *Philadelphia VA Medical Center*

Michael Graber, *IMPACT Veterans Programs*

Michael Taub, Esq., *Homeless Advocacy Project Veterans Program*

Moderator: Michael Lucas

Getting Benefits with a Record

Room 205

Access to entitlement and benefits programs are of critical importance to individuals reentering the community after incarceration. In this workshop, Community Legal Services' John Whitelaw, Esq. will clarify the impact of arrest, incarceration, and conviction on eligibility for public benefits.

John Whitelaw, Esq. *Community Legal Services*

Employment Solutions in Reentry

Room 207

The basic premise of this workshop is to identify and offer solutions to prevailing over the unprincipled practices & barriers exemplified by potential employers when considering hiring men and women with a criminal history. Objectives include: Change the mindset of the

community/potential employers by encouraging them to focus on prospective applicant skills and qualifications instead of their criminal background; Change the mindset of unemployed participants to consider education, training and other self-improvement options while out of work; Introduce the work/learn model as a viable self-determination perspective for men & women with a history; Familiarize participants of the importance of designing their own freedom by developing a goal-oriented “blueprint” (2-5 year action plan).

Thomas Ford, *Exit US*

Wallace Custis, *CareerLink*

Incarcerating Youth

Room 206

This panel provides an opportunity to hear from those working within the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice System. Panelists will discuss their roles in the care of juveniles incarcerated at the Youth Study Center, specifically in regards to health and HIV testing, prevention, and care. Particular attention will be paid to issues facing LGBTQ youth.

Anne Marie Ambrose, *Child Welfare Department*

Judge Lori Dumas-Brooks, *Family Court*

Jasmine Olgesby, *CHOP/Youth Study Center*

Nelson Walker, *Youth Study Center Administrator*

Jesus Kain, *Youth Study Center HIV Counseling/Testing*

Modertator: Erica Smith

Pregnancy & Birth Behind Bars

Room 217C

This workshop focuses on the experiences of and services available to women who are pregnant during incarceration. Representatives from the Philadelphia Prison System’s Riverside Correctional Facility, the Maternity Care Coalition’s MOMobile at Riverside, and Community Legal Services, who will explore legal advocacy to improve conditions for pregnant prisoners.

Danyelle Williams, *Maternity Care Coalition MOMobile*

Kathleen Creamer, *Community Legal Services*

Tanida Smith, *AHSA , Riverside Correctional Facility*

Delaine Abu Bakr: RN, *Riverside Correctional Facility*

Moderator: Sandi Newsome, *Family Planning Council*

Speak Out and Strategy Session on Prisons and LGBTQI Communities

Room 217D

This session is for formerly incarcerated lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex people (LGBTQI), and their advocates and potential allies. We will create a safe space to speak out about the impact of imprisonment on our communities. Participants are invited to share their experiences of incarceration, or of having friends, family, or community members behind bars. We will identify key issues facing LGBTQI people in the prison system, and in smaller breakout groups we will discuss concrete strategies, challenges, resources and action steps to address these issues. Participants will be invited to make cards and art to send to LGBTQI prisoners as a way of connecting with people inside, and as part of ongoing efforts by local prisoner solidarity projects to break the isolation of LGBTQI people in Pennsylvania’s prisons.

Darby Hickey, *Just Detention International*

Gabriel Arkles, *Sylvia Rivera Law Project*

Adrian Lowe, *TIP*

Moderator: Val Sowell, *Philadelphia FIGHT*

(break 2:30pm – 2:45pm)

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS II: 2:45pm – 4:15pm

Serious and Terminal Illness Behind Bars

Room 223

In this workshop we will look at the reality of those with serious or terminal illnesses in the county setting and the state system. We will look at barriers to care and what can be done for the ill person and his or her family during this difficult time. We will also explore options for palliative care in the correctional environment and special issues when the patient has the option to be released to the community. A short clip will show how a palliative care program can work in a prison setting.

Phyllis Taylor, Chaplain, *Philadelphia Prison System*

Reentry Next Steps: Obtaining IDs, Job Training, & Accessing Housing

Room 217B

This workshop will explore the myriad local services available to assist returning prisoners with housing, job training, and access to legal benefits. Representatives from MORE, the Pennsylvania Prison Society, IMPACT Services, and FIR will all provide an overview of their programs.

Jason Cosely, *IMPACT Services*

Lesha Sanders, *FIR*

Cameron Holmes, *PA Prison Society Life Skills Educator/Job Coach*

Ms. Harper, *MORE*

Moderator: Ron Cuie

Advocating for Your Rights in Prison

Room 220

The Human Rights Coalition is a group of predominately prisoners' families, ex-prisoners and some supporters. Our goal is to empower prisoners' families to be leaders in prison organizing, while at the same time reduce the shame of having a loved one in prison or being formerly incarcerated. Ham'Diya Mu of HRC Philadelphia will share strategies for prison advocacy, including tips for medical advocacy, following grievance procedures, and communicating with prison administrations. This workshop will also offer opportunities to plug into local advocacy and support efforts.

Ham'Diya Mu, *Human Rights Coalition*

Film Screening: The Dhamma Brothers

Room 207

Directed by Anne Marie Stein; Jenny Phillips; Andrew Kukura

Genre: Documentary

Running time: 1:16

Release date: 2008

MPAA rating: Unrated

Website: www.dhammabrothers.com

Film Synopsis

The story of prison inmates at an overcrowded maximum-security prison based in the Deep South of Alabama and their discovery of Buddhism as they undergo an intensive ancient meditation program. The film closely follows the prison inmates at Donaldson Correction Facility as they take an emotionally and physically demanding silent 10 day long course at the first ever Vipassana retreat held in a maximum-security prison North America.

Building A Faith Based Jail Diversion Program

Room 205

Faith communities are among those on the front line of prison advocacy. Hear from the Kingdom Care Reentry Network and FIR, who are working together to create a groundbreaking new jail diversion program.

Reverend Dr. Ernest McNear, *Kingdom Care Reentry Network*
Deborah Schlater-FIR

Building The Political and Employment Capital of the Formerly Convicted

Room 217C

This workshop will feature formerly convicted individuals who are on the front lines of prison and reentry organizing. Topics to be covered include strategies for legislative and policy change, resources for job training, skills building, and drug and alcohol recovery during reentry, and models for organizing led by formerly convicted persons.

Wayne Jacobs, *X-Offenders for Community Empowerment*
Letitia Mack, *4Ever Striving*

Youth In Adult Prisons: Sentencing and Imprisoning Juveniles as Adults

Room 206

Increasingly, youth are being tried and sentenced as adults. Hear from organizers at the front line of this crisis, and learn about the work being done by youth leaders and others to engage youth incarcerated as adults in Philadelphia and those coming home from adult prisons, challenge the laws that allow youth to be incarcerated as adults, and to find solutions to the problem of criminalization of youth. This workshop will feature the perspectives of Philadelphia Prison System employees working with youths in the PPS, and the legal expertise of the Defenders' Association Juvenile Special Defense Unit.

Sarah Morris, *Youth Art and Self Empowerment Project*
Victor Saez, *Youth Art and Self Empowerment Project*
David Rosen, *Defenders Association Juvenile Special Defense Unit*
Major Karen Bryant, Deputy Warden, *PICC*
Rashida Ingram Social Worker, *PICC*
Moderator: Tiffany Thompson, *CHOICE*