

The 5th Annual

# **L.A. GANG VIOLENCE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION CONFERENCE**

## **CONFRONTING THE CRIMINALIZATION OF YOUTH**

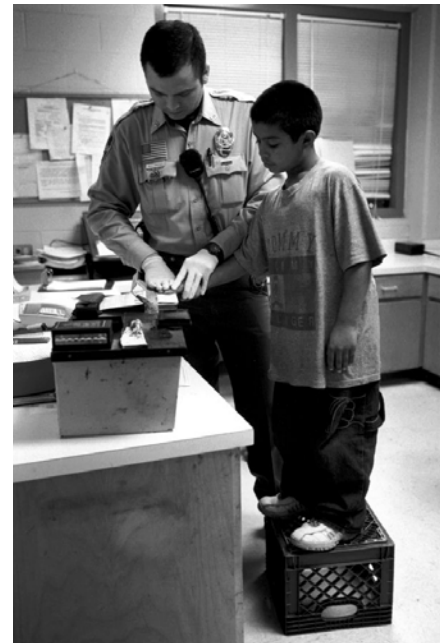
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*It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives.  
It is the one that is the most adaptable to change. –Charles Darwin*

Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to our 5th Annual Los Angeles Gang Violence Prevention & Intervention Conference! We are pleased that you have chosen to join us for this provocative two-day event. Your participation underscores our mission to unify and strengthen our collective, as well as our need to build and facilitate stronger alliances with those who are committed to empowering families and transforming the lives of our youth.

Our Advisory and Planning Committees have assembled a dynamic group of guest speakers and community champions which we believe will inspire, transform, and challenge our ideas, while simultaneously expanding our knowledge as we work determinedly to improve our systems and approaches.

Our theme this year is "Confronting Criminalization of Youth: Creating Solutions for a Better Future." Too often, criminalization is the end result, meaning that there are hundreds of missed opportunities to change the trajectory and build life anew. Our focus will be on systems that continue to overshadow, disempower and criminalize young people, as well as to shed light on an epidemic of over-policing and forced confrontation.

Moreover, our communities are inundated with social media imagery and stark injustices that often cause our young people to believe that they are "less than". We are prepared to challenge these systems that rush to judge, composing culturally discouraging and inaccurate narratives that reinforce negative stereotypes and concealed agendas. We are equally committed to elevating the disparaging conversations, and must demand a collective dialogue that begins with grassroots prevention strategies that we know WORK, and promote better outcomes for our youth.

You being here is your commitment to integrating effective strategies, inclusive of comprehensive and community approaches (education, mentoring, conflict resolution training and safety, and engagement of youth and their families)—all necessary to empowering young people who are too often impacted by violence.

It is our hope that over the next two days, we will collectively identify barriers to success, and confront the complexities and challenges that young people are faced with on a daily basis. With your voice, we will set the stage for engaging conversation, make meaningful connections, and raise the public's consciousness.

We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future!

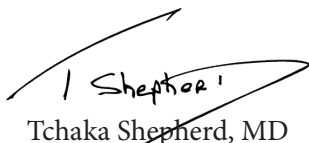
We are looking forward to inspirational change.

Peace,  
The Conference Planning Committee

  
Paul Carrillo

  
Daniel Healy, MPH

  
Adrienne Lamar Snider

  
Tchaka Shepherd, MD

  
Billie Weiss, MPH



# DAY 1 AGENDA

May 9, 2016 • 8:15am - 4:30pm

8:15am - 9:00am REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST (COURTYARD)

9:00am - 9:10am WELCOME BY CONFERENCE EMCEE (YOSEMITE)  
• K-Rahn Vallatine, *Founder, Live Above the Hype*

9:10am - 9:25am WELCOME BY CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS (YOSEMITE)  
• Paul Carrillo, *Injury Prevention Coordinator of Trauma Services, St. Francis Medical Center Trauma Services - HAVEN*  
• Adrienne Lamar Snider, *Executive Director, Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles*  
• Dr. Tchaka Shepherd, *Physician-in-Chief, St. Francis Medical Center Trauma Services - HAVEN*  
• Billie Weiss, *MPH Founder, Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles*

9:25am - 9:55am OPENING KEYNOTE (YOSEMITE)  
• Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, *Dean and Professor of Medicine, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science*

9:55am - 10:20am NETWORKING ACTIVITY  
• Facilitated table discussion on conference theme

10:20am - 10:30am BREAK

10:30am - 12:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> BREAKOUT SESSION

TRACK 1 (CABRILLO) SYSTEMS & CULTURE CHANGE IN SCHOOLS	TRACK 2 (CATALINA) REACHING INCARCERATED YOUTH	TRACK 3 (MOJAVE) CHANGING THE NARRATIVE	TRACK 4 (JOSHUA TREE) MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE	TRACK 5 (BIG SUR) RESPONDING TO TRAUMA	TRACK 6 (TAHOE) COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING
Restorative Practices in Schools & Community	L.A. City/County Re-entry Partnership for Gang Involved Youth	Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline Starting in Pre-School	A New Paradigm in Policing	How do You Measure Healing?	Keeping it Real - Trauma Outreach Program

12:00pm - 1:00pm LUNCH (COURTYARD)

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Meeting the Needs of ALL Students	Gang Intervention & Comprehensive Services	From Delinquents to Predators: A History of the Criminalization of Youth	The Tight Rope Theory - Why Prevention Doesn't Work	Utilizing Compassion & Empathy to Reduce Violence	Leveraging Partnerships for Integrated Prevention

2:30pm - 2:45pm BREAK

2:45pm - 4:00pm CLOSING PLENARY PANEL (YOSEMITE)  
**Impact of Criminalization on Youth and Communities**  
• Manuel Criollo, *Director of Organizing, Labor Community Strategy Center*  
• Louise Godbold, *Co-Executive Director, Echo Parenting & Education*  
• Frankie Guzman, *Attorney, National Center for Youth Law*  
• Kelly Lytle Hernandez, *Associate Professor, UCLA Department of History*  
• Alex Johnson, *Board Member, Los Angeles County Office of Education; Executive Director, Children's Defense Fund-CA*

4:00pm - 4:30pm CLOSING KEYNOTE (YOSEMITE)  
• Fr. Greg Boyle, *Founder, Homeboy Industries*

4:30pm - 6:00pm RECEPTION (COURTYARD)  
• Live performance by *Jazz off the Boat*

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**9:00am - 9:05am** WELCOME BY CONFERENCE EMCEE (YOSEMITE)

- K-Rahn Vallatine, *Founder, Live Above the Hype*

**9:05am - 10:05am** OPENING PLENARY (YOSEMITE)

**#100Days100Nights: Los Angeles' Response to Gang Violence & Social Media**

- Commander Joseph Gooden, *LASD Central Patrol Division*
- Ben Owens, *Gang Intervention Coordinator, Soledad Enrichment Action*
- Deputy Chief Bill Scott, *LAPD Operations South Bureau*
- Anne Tremblay, *Director, Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development*
- Fernando Rejón, *Director, Urban Peace Institute*

**10:05am - 10:15am** BREAK

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**11:45am - 12:00pm** GRAB & GO LUNCH (COURTYARD/YOSEMITE)

**12:00pm - 12:30pm** LUNCH CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR GARCETTI (YOSEMITE)

- Mayor Eric Garcetti, *City of Los Angeles*

**12:30pm - 1:00pm** KEYNOTE (YOSEMITE)

**Economic Migrants or Refugees? The Criminalization of Unaccompanied Minors**

- Sonia Nazario, *Journalist, Author of "Enrique's Journey"*

**1:00pm - 1:15pm** BREAK

**1:15pm - 2:45pm** 4<sup>th</sup> BREAKOUT SESSION

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**2:45pm - 3:00pm** BREAK

**3:00pm - 4:00pm** CLOSING PLENARY (YOSEMITE)

**Investing in Youth: Local and Statewide Justice Reinvestment**

- Maritza Galvez, *Youth Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition*
- Eunisses Hernandez, *Criminal Justice Policy Associate, Drug Policy Alliance*
- Sydney Kamlager, *District Director, Office of California State Senator Holly J. Mitchell*
- Rabbi Jonathan Klein, *Executive Director, CLUE*
- Pete White, *Executive Director & Founder, Los Angeles Community Action Network*

**4:00pm - 4:30pm** CLOSING KEYNOTE (YOSEMITE)

**L.A.'s Revolutionary Trends**

- Mike Males, PhD, *Senior Researcher, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice*

## TRACK 1: SYSTEMS & CULTURE CHANGE IN SCHOOLS (CABRILLO)

### Restorative Practices in Schools & Community

This workshop will provide an introduction to the core principles, history and multi-dimensional implementation of restorative practices (RP), particularly restorative justice, in schools and community settings. Presenters will illuminate the ways in which restorative practices serve as a meaningful tool for effective prevention, holistic intervention and sustainable healing in the lives of young people. Workshop participants will be invited to sit in a facilitated community building circle and experience the impact and effects of restorative practices first-hand.

#### PRESENTERS

**Vanessa Petti** *Director of Restorative Practices in Community, The California Conference for Equality & Justice (CCEJ)*

**Belia Mayeno Saavedra** *Director of Restorative Justice in Schools, The California Conference for Equality & Justice (CCEJ)*

## TRACK 2: REACHING INCARCERATED YOUTH (CATALINA)

### L.A. City/County Re-entry Partnership for Gang Involved Youth

This presentation will provide an overview and the initial findings of GRYD's partnership with the Probation Department to provide reentry services to gang-involved youth and their families. This panel discussion will discuss the impact and significance of the GRYD-Probation Reentry Program Partnership for improving outcomes for gang-involved youth and their families.

#### PRESENTERS

**Maria Flores** *Case Manager, Homeboy Industries*

**Elizabeth Lopez, MSW** *Regional Program Coordinator, Gang Reduction & Youth Development (GRYD) Program, City of Los Angeles*

**Veiongo Naufahu** *Case Manager Supervisor, Soledad Enrichment Action*

**Marybeth Walker** *Director of the Camp Community Transition Program (CCTP), L.A. County Probation Department*

## TRACK 3: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE (MOJAVE)

### Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline Starting in Pre-School

Preschool children across the nation are being expelled at higher rates than K-12 students. Many of these children are exhibiting behaviors that, rather than being signs of defiance are symptoms of trauma exposure, traumatic grief and chronic stress. Young children expelled from preschool enter traditional school settings with a label that often pre-determines their self-identity, their success rate and their place in society expediting their entry into the school-to-prison pipeline. Changing perception is valuable for everyone the child is in contact with; resolving these behaviors in the early years and supporting the children in managing their trauma reactive behaviors and understanding how trauma manifests reduces drop-out rates, improves school performance and other indicators that are linked to crime statistics, involvement with law enforcement and even gang involvement.

#### PRESENTERS

**Richard Cohen, PhD** *Director, Project ABC, Children's Institute, Inc.*

**Nicole Fauscette, LMFT** *Day Treatment Intensive Program Supervisor, Children's Institute, Inc.*

## TRACK 4: MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE (JOSHUA TREE)

### A New Paradigm in Policing

In recent years, the Los Angeles Police Department has embarked on a paradigmatic shift in strategy from a broken windows theory inspired suppression strategy of gang abatement to a more genuinely community policing policy of direct engagement with individuals involved in gangs and their communities. This panel will explore this fundamental paradigm shift, providing an example of how law enforcement agencies can work with gang involved individuals, gang intervention workers and activists to reduce gang violence in urban communities.

#### PRESENTERS

**Officer Stinson Brown** *Gang Intervention Liaison, Criminal Gang Homicide Division, Los Angeles Police Department*

**Skipp Townsend** *Executive Director, 2nd Call/Executive Board Member, Southern California Ceasefire*

**Robert D. Weide, PhD** *Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, California State University, Los Angeles*

## TRACK 5: RESPONDING TO TRAUMA (BIG SUR)

### How do You Measure Healing?

Homeboy Industries will share a case-study based presentation, unpacking Homeboy Industries' approach to walking with gang-involved youth, as they work to re-integrate back into society.

#### PRESENTERS

**Steve Avalos** *Senior Navigator, Homeboy Industries*

**Fabian Debora** *Director of Substance Abuse Services & Programming, Homeboy Industries*

**Erin Gutierrez** *Case Manager, Homeboy Industries*

**Shirley Torres** *Director of Re-Entry Services, Homeboy Industries*

## TRACK 6: COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING (TAHOE)

### Keeping it Real - Trauma Outreach Program

*Keeping It Real* is a program that for over two decades has focused on providing trauma prevention and intervention to individuals who are involved in at-risk behavior such as drug use, gang involvement, and criminal activity. The goal is to bring awareness to the individual's actions and experiences that led them to the program - focusing upon personal reflection, empathy, gained knowledge, alternatives, and understanding the cycle of consequences in real teachable moments. Join us in exploring this innovative way to combine the trauma medical professionals, law enforcement, court systems, public school systems, and faith leaders in a way to build a rewarding partnership.

#### PRESENTERS

**Carlos Sandoval** *Injury Prevention Associate, YDAD, Mission Hospital Trauma Center*

**Georginne Mercado** *Injury Prevention Coordinator, Mission Hospital Trauma Center*

**Almaas Shaikh, MD** *Trauma Medical Director, Mission Hospital Trauma Center*

## TRACK 1: SYSTEMS & CULTURE CHANGE IN SCHOOLS (CABRILLO)

### Meeting the Needs of ALL Students

This workshop will explore the systems and structures to support students with special needs, students returning from juvenile detention, and restorative justice practices to promote school wide positive behavior supports. We will explore the school to prison pipeline, systems and structures to meet the unique needs of all students at the secondary level and facilitate a restorative justice circle.

#### PRESENTERS

**Michael M. Massa** *Director of Special Education, The Accelerated Schools*

**Rene Quon** *Assistant Principal, The Accelerated Schools*

**Marcus Wilhite** *Principal, The Accelerated Schools*

## TRACK 2: REACHING INCARCERATED YOUTH (CATALINA)

### Gang Intervention & Comprehensive Services

To increase the effectiveness of reaching youth with gang and/or Probation involvement, a collaboration was formed between Star View Wraparound and H.E.L.P.E.R. Foundation. The results have been significant as Probation youth outcomes dramatically improved over a 3 year period. Since 2012, over 150 youth have been served with a 70% success rate in youth exiting the Probation system. The program has a special focus on Transitional Age Youth-TAY, and Cross Over Youth (Dual DCFS and Probation cases).

#### PRESENTERS

**Michael Godoy** *Lead Intervention Specialist, H.E.L.P.E.R. Foundation*

**Ontson Placide** *Administrator, Star View Children & Family Services*

**Kizmet White** *Intervention Specialist, H.E.L.P.E.R. Foundation*

#### MODERATOR

**Melvyn Hayward, Jr.** *Executive Director, H.E.L.P.E.R. Foundation*

## TRACK 3: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE (MOJAVE)

### From Delinquents to Predators: A History of the Criminalization of Youth

This workshop will center on a historical overview of youth criminalization and policing from 1950 to the present in Los Angeles, as well as the sociological and criminological studies during this 65 year period that have impacted policing and policy practice towards youth crime and youth street organizations (gangs). This workshop will address the development of youth policing by the LAPD, with particular attention to the changes in arrest rates of Black and Chican@/Latin@ youth. The presentation will also discuss the historical context and development of "gangs" in relation to the social, economic, and political changes in Los Angeles and the nation, and provide space for participants to discuss alternatives to the current modes of policing and policy practice that contribute to the criminalization of L.A.'s youth.

#### PRESENTER

**David Chávez** *Researcher/PhD Student, University of California, Riverside*

## TRACK 4: MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE (JOSHUA TREE)

### The Tight Rope Theory - Why Prevention Doesn't Work

Gang-prevention programs that only shout "Don't be in gangs!" and "Don't do drugs!" and "Don't follow my wayward path!" are essentially saying to teenagers on the tightrope: "Don't look down!" As well-intentioned as these programs are, their advice actually unnerves teens on their precarious perch. They stop moving forward or fall off. After-school programs or any positive endeavor can provide a balancing pole for adolescents on the tightrope and can help steady youth and keep them focused on the goals ahead. The balancing pole is only a tool; it is teens themselves who must choose each and every step wisely to reach their goal on the other side.

#### PRESENTER

**Christopher Yanov** *Founder & President, Reality Changers*

## TRACK 5: RESPONDING TO TRAUMA (BIG SUR)

### Utilizing Compassion & Empathy to Reduce Violence

This experiential training will address techniques Cedars-Sinai's Psychological Trauma Center's Share and Care school-based program utilizes with elementary and secondary students who have been impacted by violence. Participants will have an opportunity to experience community building experiences such as singing bowls, talking sticks and art therapy approaches. These approaches help students develop positive coping skills to deal with the ongoing violence they are confronted with. These techniques can be used in a group or classroom setting as a way of helping young people learn how to focus, listen and speak spontaneously from the heart without passing judgment or losing control.

#### PRESENTER

**Suzanne Silverstein** *Founding Director, Cedars-Sinai Psychological Trauma Center*

## TRACK 6: COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING (TAHOE)

### Leveraging Partnerships for Integrated Prevention

This presentation will demonstrate how collaborations between government, businesses, and communities can mitigate and start to reverse the tendency of stigmatizing youth and limiting their access to services and opportunities. Three women from three different nonprofits will share about the complexity of the Northern Triangle context for prevention efforts, the challenges of adapting evidence-based models from the U.S. to Central America, the challenges and benefits of both cross-sector and inter-institutional partnerships, and innovative efforts to integrate trauma-informed approaches into community-based programming in countries where mental health is widely neglected.

#### PRESENTERS

**Rosa Anaya** *Program Coordinator, Catholic Relief Services*

**Lucy Luna Guzman** *Sociologist, Salvadorian Association for Rural Health*

**Celina de Sola MSW, MPH** *Co-Founder, Glasswing International*



# 3<sup>RD</sup> BREAKOUT SESSION

May 10, 2016 • 10:15am - 11:45am

## TRACK 1: SYSTEMS & CULTURE CHANGE IN SCHOOLS (CABRILLO)

### From Restorative Schools to Restorative Communities

In this workshop, participants will understand and engage in restorative practices as a way to: build meaningful relationships, especially with disconnected and particularly vulnerable youth; address harm and conflict with an awareness of the impact from trauma and poverty; and cultivate a holistic approach to behavioral and academic success for all. Facilitators will share success and challenges of implementing restorative practices across K-12 public schools with the Partnership for Los Angeles Schools in South LA, Boyle Heights and Watts. Participants will consider implications and opportunities for cultivating Restorative Communities beyond classroom walls and school gates, so that all youth in Los Angeles can thrive to their maximum potential.

#### PRESENTERS

**Almease Byrd** *Psychiatric Social Worker, LAUSD/Partnership for Los Angeles Schools*

**Tanya Eve Franklin** *Director of School Culture & Restorative Communities, Partnership for Los Angeles Schools*

**Sara Leimbach** *Educator, LAUSD/Partnership for Los Angeles Schools*

## TRACK 2: REACHING INCARCERATED YOUTH (CATALINA)

### Building a Network of Leaders to Win New Safety

#### Priorities: Forging a New Blueprint for Community Safety

This workshop will include a presentation on the history of Crime Survivors for Safety & Justice, how we built the model, and the analysis we developed. Participants will examine how violence and crime have impacted their lives and communities, the Trauma Recovery Center Model, and how to advocate for new safety priorities.

#### PRESENTERS

**Anna Cho Fenley** *Director, Crime Survivors for Safety & Justice*

**David Guizar** *LA Chapter Coordinator, Crime Survivors for Safety & Justice*

**Aqeela Sherrills** *Survivors Outreach Strategist, Californians for Safety & Justice*

**Aswad Thomas** *National Organizer, Alliance for Safety & Justice*

## TRACK 3: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE (MOJAVE)

### Gang Databases & the Criminalization of Youth

Throughout California, the CalGang database is utilized to criminalize and track over 23,000 low-income youth of color, including children as young as ten, who law enforcement have determined meet the definition of a gang member. A classification on the CalGang database can have direct life-altering consequences for young men and women of color. Gang membership can be used to justify a young person being tried as an adult, or act as cause for a longer 'gang enhanced' sentence, and may even prevent a young person or their family from receiving victim's compensation funds. For immigrant youth, inclusion on the database, even absent any criminal history, could lead to a denial of DACA relief or even trigger deportation proceedings. Indirectly, unfair inclusion on the database can lead to unnecessary stops and arrests, increased antagonism between community members and law enforcement, and the potential for strengthening gang affiliation. These consequences are compounded by the fact there is very little accountability and oversight built into the gang database system.

#### PRESENTERS

**Josh Green** *Staff Attorney/Legal Coordinator, Urban Peace Institute*

**Aaron Harvey** *Justice4SD33*

**Ana Muñiz, PhD** *Associate Professor of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine*

## TRACK 4: MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE

(JOSHUA TREE)

### Mobilizing Communities to Stop Violence

Violent crime does not stop at a city's border. Increasingly, comprehensive violence prevention/community rebuilding strategies must include a county-wide, even region-wide approach. Regional networks can help cities to share real-time information about best practices, community engagement, vexing challenges and promising solutions. The California Cities Violence Prevention Network (CCVPN) was launched in 2007 under the core assumption that nothing would change unless all key civic and governmental entities pledged to specific crime prevention actions on the prevention, intervention, enforcement and re-entry continuum.

#### PRESENTERS

**Jack Calhoun** *President, California Cities Violence Prevention Network*

**Mario Maciel** *Vice President, California Cities Violence Prevention Network*

**Ernesto Olivares** *Executive Director, California Cities Violence Prevention Network*

## TRACK 5: RESPONDING TO TRAUMA (BIG SUR)

### After Impact: Follow Up Care for Trauma Affected Youth

Mentoring youth immediately after impact when they are most vulnerable emotionally can significantly reduce trauma-related symptoms. This workshop will offer concrete examples of how to work collaboratively with youth service entities including the juvenile justice system, DCFS, school districts, and health centers, as well as family members and guardians to ensure quality care and follow through. A young trauma survivor will share obstacles she faced in forming trustworthy relationships and developing credible presence through her transition to independence. Participants will discuss the challenges of consistency in service provision and the potential to strengthen access to existing services through more intentional mentorship models.

#### PRESENTERS

**Renee Curry** *Executive Director, Center for the Empowerment of Families*

**Krystal Lopez** *Youth Advocate/Mentee, Center for the Empowerment of Families*

## TRACK 6: COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING (TAHOE)

### Playing to Heal: Victim Sensitive Approach

In this session, Up2Us Sports will present a unique approach to designing trauma sensitive environments for youth development programs. Our approach is rooted in brain development and focused on strategies that help programs provide a safe space for young people who have experienced trauma. The session will begin with foundational discussion on trauma - how it occurs in communities and how it may impact the youth who come to participants' programs. Workshop facilitators will then present a framework for designing trauma-sensitive programming and strategies for better serving youth who have been exposed to trauma. Participants will leave with a better understanding of the impact of trauma on behavior and will identify strategies that will work with their own program's culture, program activities, staff and external stakeholders.

#### PRESENTERS

**Dre De La Peza** *Los Angeles Program Manager/Member of National Training Team, Up2Us Sports*

**Adrienne Moore** *Assistant Director of Capacity Building, Up2Us Sports*



## TRACK 1: SYSTEMS & CULTURE CHANGE IN SCHOOLS (CABRILLO)

### **Re-Humanizing Youth in Los Angeles to Dismantle School-to-Prison Pipeline**

This workshop will provide an interactive platform to discuss the communication barriers between adults and youth, and how this relates to school engagement, school safety and the school-to-prison pipeline. How we communicate and how our communication is perceived by another person often times leads to a positive or negative reaction. Participants will brainstorm a set of recommendations for school districts, school police, and community-based agencies to work on dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline via positive communication and relationship building.

#### PRESENTERS

**Whitney Harper** *Program & Curriculum Specialist, Centinela Youth Services*  
**Blain L. Watson** *Child Welfare and Attendance Coordinator, Centinela Valley Union High School District*

## TRACK 2: REACHING INCARCERATED YOUTH (CATALINA)

### **Promising Practices & Interventions**

Over 6,500 people currently in California prisons were under the age of 18 at the time of their crime. They were juveniles, but tried as adults and sentenced to adult prison terms under Proposition 21. Many are transferred to the adult system without consideration of their ability to change, even though tremendous growth and maturity often occurs in the late teens through the mid-20s. Amity Foundation provides services to many of these young men who have experienced years of gang involvement and violence, both in and out of prison. Amity's Reentry Hub Project is geared to ensure that, upon release, men and women are ready for the transition back into society.

#### PRESENTERS

**Ozell Johnson** *Drug Counselor, Amistad de Los Angeles*  
**Frank Rivera** *Project Director, Amity Foundation*  
**Regina Slaughter** *Managing Director, Amity Foundation*

## TRACK 3: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE (MOJAVE)

### **Taking Back Your Story: How Media Can Be Used to Transform the Image of Youth**

News media set policy agendas and frame policy debates. Currently, the news media paint a distorted picture emphasizing youth as perpetrators, neglecting stories of successful youth development strategies and obscuring the community conditions that foster violence. This distorted picture makes it harder for policymakers and the public to champion policies that support young people. Worse, the coverage tends to reflect only criminal justice perspectives, ignoring the many sectors with a role to play in supporting the healthy development of young people. Changing the public narrative about young people and violence requires thoughtful collaboration between those who know our communities best, including young people, residents, youth advocates, and representatives of institutions like schools. During this interactive session, participants will explore how to identify and support people who live and work in communities impacted by violence to use the news to tell their own stories and shape the narrative and solutions to violence affecting youth.

#### PRESENTERS

**Mego Lien** *Associate Program Manager, Prevention Institute*  
**O. Jamecca Marshall, MPP, MA** *Program Manager, Prevention Institute*  
**Pamela Mejia, MS, MPH** *Senior Media Researcher, Berkeley Media Studies Group*

## TRACK 4: MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE (JOSHUA TREE)

### **Building the 1% Campaign: Moving L.A. from locking up youth to investing in their future**

This workshop addresses youth criminalization in Los Angeles and outlines what youth development is, why it is a critical component of public safety, and how other major American cities have invested in their youth while Los Angeles has come up short. Over 100 community-based organizations in Los Angeles are working together to change the costly and ineffectual practice of incarcerating young people, by supporting an initiative that calls for a re-direction of 1% of L.A. City and County's public safety dollars away from suppression and towards investment in youth development. Participants will gain an understanding of how investment in youth development emerges as a vital, common sense approach to achieving public safety.

#### PRESENTERS

**Tanisha Denard** *Youth Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition*  
**Tauheedah Shakur** *Volunteer, LA for Youth Coordinating Committee*  
**Abraham Colunga** *Peacebuilder/Intervention Worker, Youth Justice Coalition*

## TRACK 5: RESPONDING TO TRAUMA (BIG SUR)

### **Analyzing Complex Trauma**

Trauma can be both complex and re-occurring. Trauma does not discriminate and can cause physical, emotional and spiritual wounds. The events, experiences and effects collectively become trauma. Gang intervention and prevention workers are not immune to such trauma. Gang Intervention and Prevention Providers are actually more prone to being exposed to more crises and trauma. They not only have to deal with their personal trauma but the trauma of their clients and their communities. This complex and re-occurring trauma can be both daunting and difficult to cope with unless proper resiliency and self-care skills are explored and practiced. Trauma can be an opportunity to make meaning and become a source of positive power.

#### PRESENTERS

**Andre Christian** *Community Intervention Worker, Watts Life*  
**Eric Lam** *Senior Policy Analyst, Strategic Initiatives, Urban Peace Institute*  
**Cecilia Richardson** *Community Intervention Worker, Aztecs Rising*  
**Leora Wolf-Prusan, PhD** *School Climate & Student Support Specialist, WestEd*

## TRACK 6: COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING (TAHOE)

### **Empowering the Village**

Every year the American juvenile justice system incarcerates over 70,000 young people, at a cost of billions of dollars. This training provides an overview of a cost-effective alternative to incarceration programming for youth. The training will highlight the Urban Life Skills Program, an effective community-based mentoring program used in Chicago to reduce recidivism and gang involvement among youth. Participants will explore the role of mentoring in conjunction with wraparound services to support youth and create community change. This workshop will highlight effective strategies for connecting with gang involved youth as well as advocating for youth in court and other social service systems.

#### PRESENTERS

**Nathan Aguilar** *Social Worker, New Life Centers of Chicagoland*  
**Matt DeMateo** *Executive Director, New Life Centers of Chicagoland*  
**Jorge Roque** *Restorative Justice Practitioner, New Life Centers of Chicagoland*

# PLENARY PANELS

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## IMPACT OF CRIMINALIZATION ON YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES

Youth of color experience criminalization on a daily basis, from the labeling of youth in gang databases and gang injunctions, to stops by law enforcement in school or on the street, the checking of Metro passes by sheriffs on public transportation, random searches in classrooms, and the impact these actions have on the way young people are seen and treated by their neighbors, business owners, school staff and others. This panel will discuss the long-term human and fiscal costs of criminalization on youth, their families and their communities and propose how we help youth heal, uplift and support system-impacted youth to succeed, and build connections and opportunities for all young people.

### SPEAKERS

- Manuel Criollo, *Director of Organizing, Labor Community Strategy Center*
- Louise Godbold, *Co-Executive Director, Echo Parenting & Education*
- Frankie Guzman, *Attorney, National Center for Youth Law*
- Kelly Lytle Hernandez, *Associate Professor, UCLA Department of History*
- Alex Johnson, *Board Member, Los Angeles County Office of Education; Executive Director, Children's Defense Fund-CA*

## #100DAYS100NIGHTS: LOS ANGELES' RESPONSE TO GANG VIOLENCE & SOCIAL MEDIA

In August 2015, Los Angeles experienced a surge in violence in South LA which led to 39 homicides in that month alone. A particular hashtag spread rapidly on social media, #100Days100Nights, viewed as a threat for 100 days of killing between neighborhoods in response to a recent homicide. This alone received international attention while increasing residents' fear of a street war in South LA. While Los Angeles - like other areas of the country - had experienced 8 years of dramatic drops in homicide and violence, questions emerged regarding whether LA was doing enough or doing it right. Law enforcement, community intervention leaders, organizers, clergy and family members responded to quell community fears, control rumors and expose inaccuracies in social media that erupted as violence increased. This dialogue will engage public sector and community leaders in a discussion of what happened, what was the response, and what the City of LA learned from the events of last summer.

### SPEAKERS

- Commander Joseph Gooden, *LASD Central Patrol Division*
- Ben Owens, *Gang Intervention Coordinator, Soledad Enrichment Action*
- Deputy Chief Bill Scott, *LAPD Operations South Bureau*
- Anne Tremblay, *Director, Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development*
- Fernando Rejón, *Director, Urban Peace Institute*

## INVESTING IN YOUTH: LOCAL AND STATEWIDE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

Los Angeles leads the nation in the numbers of people who are detained, incarcerated and deported, as well as in the costs for suppression and incarceration. We have the largest juvenile hall, youth prison, probation department, sheriffs department and court systems in the world. This panel will discuss the components needed for a comprehensive public safety strategy as well as propose a vision for reinvestment in youth and community development.

### SPEAKERS

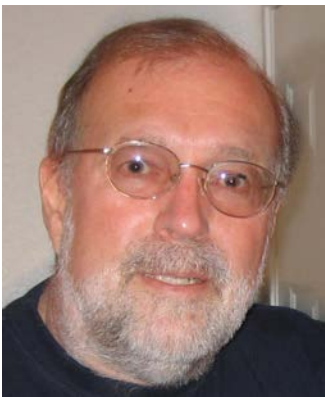
- Maritza Galvez, *Youth Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition*
- Eunisses Hernandez, *Policy Associate, Drug Policy Alliance*
- Sydney Kamlager, *District Director, Office of California State Senator Holly J. Mitchell*
- Rabbi Jonathan Klein, *Executive Director, CLUE*
- Pete White, *Executive Director & Founder, Los Angeles Community Action Network*

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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**FR. GREG BOYLE** is the Founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. From 1986 to 1992, Father Boyle served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church in East LA, at the time the poorest Catholic parish in the city, located amidst two large public housing projects and the territories of numerous rival gangs. It was there that he started what would become Homeboy Industries, which has become the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world. Homeboy trains and employs former gang members in a range of social enterprises, as well as provides critical services to over 10,000 people who walk through its doors every year seeking a better life. Father Boyle is the author of the 2010 New York Times bestselling book *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. He has been awarded the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. The James Beard Foundation recently named Fr. Boyle its 2016 Humanitarian of the Year.



**MIKE MALES** is Senior Researcher for the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice in San Francisco. He has contributed research and co-authored numerous CJ/CJ publications, including on issues of drug policy, Three Strikes law, criminal justice realignment, and juvenile justice reform. Dr. Males has a Ph.D. in Social Ecology from U.C. Irvine and over 12 years of experience working in youth programs. He is also content director of Youth Facts ([www.youthfacts.org](http://www.youthfacts.org)). His groundbreaking book *The Scapegoat Generation*, critically examines the multitude of myths surrounding older Americans' perceptions of youth, the scapegoating of adolescents for adult social problems, and the impact of government policy on young people today.



**SONIA NAZARIO** spent 20 years reporting and writing about social issues for U.S. newspapers. She is best known for “Enrique’s Journey,” her story of a Honduran boy’s struggle to find his mother in the U.S. Published as a series in the Los Angeles Times, “Enrique’s Journey” won the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 2003. It was turned into a book by Random House that became a national bestseller and is now required reading at hundreds of high schools and colleges across the country. When a national crisis erupted in 2014 over the detention of unaccompanied immigrant children at the border, Nazario returned to Honduras to report an article that was published in The New York Times in July. In her piece, she detailed the violence causing the exodus and argued that it is a refugee crisis, not an immigration crisis.



**DR. DEBORAH PROTHROW-STITH** is a nationally recognized public health leader, physician and educator. As a physician working in inner-city Boston, she broke new ground with her efforts to have youth violence defined as a public health problem, not just a criminal justice issue. Her passion for prevention was not satisfied with the emergency room work of “stitching people up and sending them out.” She turned to public health and, with others, created a social movement to prevent violence that has had an impact on Boston and the nation. In 1987, she became the first female and youngest Commissioner of Public Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She is the author of *Deadly Consequences*, the first book to present the public health perspective on violence to a mass audience and also is co-author of the book *Murder is No Accident, a blueprint for community based Violence Prevention*. Dr. Prothrow-Stith is currently Dean and Professor of Medicine for the Charles R. Drew College of Medicine. Dr. Prothrow-Stith is also an adjunct Professor of Medicine at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.



# FEATURED SPEAKERS

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**PAUL CARRILLO** is the Injury Prevention Coordinator of Trauma Services at St. Francis Medical Center and the Executive Director of Southern California Crossroads. He has more than 12 years of experience working in the youth and gang violence field, providing services in schools, hospitals, jails and in various communities throughout the Los Angeles region. Paul has also traveled nationally and internationally to Arizona, San Diego, New York, London, Ireland, Dominican Republic and El Salvador as an advisor to local and state agencies on youth and gang violence methods and practices. In 2010, Paul approached the Violence Prevention Coalition with the idea to create a network of hospitals that would come together to address the issue of traumatic injuries caused by violence. As a result, HAVEN was established and our annual L.A. Gang Violence Prevention & Intervention Conference is the foundation of our collaborative efforts.



**MANUEL CRIOLLO** is Director of Organizing of the Labor Community Strategy Center. Manuel guides and directs the Strategy Center's Fight for the Soul of the Cities' organizing and campaigns. As lead organizer of the Community Rights Campaign, he led struggles to challenge policies and practices in the city and county of Los Angeles that criminalize Black and Latino youth, particularly the school-to-jail track in LA Unified School District, with the largest dedicated school police force in the country. For nearly a decade, Manuel was the lead the organizer of the Bus Rider Union, the country's largest grassroots mass transit organization. He has worked on a wide range of local, regional and statewide campaigns, and has done solidarity work with social movements in Chiapas, Mexico, El Salvador and Venezuela. Before coming to the Strategy Center, Manuel was the Project Director of the SALUD Project at Clínica Para Las Américas. He attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he organized youth and students against anti-immigrant and anti-affirmative action ballot initiatives in California. In 2006, he was recognized by La Opinion as one of the "Future Leaders of Los Angeles" and in 2010 he was awarded the prestigious Soros Justice Fellowship for his work toward ending LA truancy ticketing policies. Son of immigrants from El Salvador, Manuel grew up in Pico Union and South Los Angeles.



**MARITZA GALVEZ** is a Youth Organizer with the Youth Justice Coalition and a graduate of the YJC's FREE LA High School. She was pushed out of school at the age of 12, when her mother was incarcerated and she was forced into the role of head of household. In her first year of high school, she was again pushed out of school into an under-resourced continuation school, and has become a powerful advocate for the rights of all young people to a quality education that prepares youth for college and a career over prison and the streets. She has also been impacted by LA's long history of violence - particularly gun violence - as well as by LA's addiction to suppression and incarceration as the only intervention. As a result, she has suffered with childhood friends who have lost their loved ones, buried her classmates who have been killed by street and police violence, visited her loved ones in jail and fought for their release, and watched her immediate family spiral deeply into drugs and alcohol as a way to escape the emotional pain, financial stress and PTSD that results from living with a close and daily proximity to violence. She has also been a key leader in the building of the Youth Justice Coalition, and is a sophomore at Santa Monica Community College.



**MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI** is the 42nd Mayor of Los Angeles. His "back to basics" agenda is focused on job creation and solving everyday problems for L.A. residents. Garcetti was elected four times by his peers to serve as President of the Los Angeles City Council from 2006 to 2012. From 2001 until taking office as Mayor, he served as the Councilmember representing the 13th District which includes Hollywood, Echo Park, Silver Lake, and Atwater Village -- all of which were dramatically revitalized under Garcetti's leadership. Garcetti was raised in the San Fernando Valley and earned his B.A. and M.A. from Columbia University. He studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and the London School of Economics and taught at Occidental College and USC. A fourth generation Angeleno, he and his wife, Amy Elaine Wakeland, have a young daughter. He is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy reserve and is an avid jazz pianist and photographer.



# FEATURED SPEAKERS

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**LOUISE GODBOLD** is the Co-Executive Director of Echo Parenting & Education. She has worked for over 20 years in the nonprofit field both in nonprofit management and as a consultant. Much of her consulting work was done for UC Berkeley and the California State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs providing technical assistance to county departments Statewide. She has also worked as an evaluator for The California Endowment and a program monitor for Los Angeles County Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. For seven years prior to joining Echo, Louise was the regional evaluator on a California Endowment/Rockefeller Foundation workforce development initiative.



**COMMANDER JOSEPH M. GOODEN** a 27-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, is assigned to the Department's Central Patrol Division where he has oversight of Avalon, East Los Angeles, Century, Compton, Marina Del Rey, and South Los Angeles Sheriff Stations. Commander Gooden's career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1988 when he transferred from the Orange County Sheriff's Department. As a Deputy, he was assigned to the Hall of Justice Jail, East Los Angeles Station and Lakewood Station, and the North Long Beach Project. Commander Gooden promoted to Sergeant in 1999 and was assigned to Altadena Station, Office of the Undersheriff, Internal Affairs Bureau and Leadership and Training Division Headquarters. In 2004, Commander Gooden was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Men's Central Jail, Compton Station and was an Aide to the Assistant Sheriff's Office. In 2010, Commander Gooden was promoted to Captain and assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau. In 2011, he assumed command of Century Station. Commander Gooden completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Southern California, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science. While at USC, he was a four-year member of the USC Trojan Marching Band. He received his teaching credentials from National University and has been an Adjunct Professor at Pasadena Community College since 1998.



**FRANKIE GUZMAN** is a staff attorney at the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL). At NCYL, Frankie works to end the practice of prosecuting children in California's criminal justice system. Raised in a poor, mostly immigrant community plagued by drugs and violence, Frankie experienced his parents' divorce and his family's subsequent homelessness at age 3, the life-imprisonment of his 16-year-old brother at age 5, and lost numerous friends to violence. At age 15, he was arrested for armed robbery and, on his first offense, was sentenced to serve 15 years in the California Youth Authority. Released on parole after six years, Frankie attended law school and became an expert in juvenile law and policy with a focus on ending the prosecution of youth as adults. Frankie's work has focused on improving data collection and analysis to better understand the impact that transfer laws have on youth, working with local courts and prosecutors to reduce transfers of youth, educating the public to raise awareness about the harms of transfer, and most importantly, coalition building to create a movement for change that includes the communities most affected by adult prosecutions of children. Through partnerships with community organizations and advocacy groups, Frankie has helped lead the effort to reduce the number of youth prosecuted as adults and serving time in adult prison. Recent successes include SB 260 (2013), SB 261 (2015), and SB 382 (2015). Even more recently, Frankie played a significant role in developing the youth justice portion of the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016 to end direct file in California.



**EUNISSES HERNANDEZ** is a Criminal Justice Policy Associate with Drug Policy Alliance. Her work has focused on implementing Prop 47, developing alternatives to incarceration, and advancing state legislation. She has coordinated dozens of Prop 47 legal clinics and resource fairs. She has also worked with the Amity Foundation, an all-inclusive therapeutic treatment community for people coming out of incarceration, where she assisted dozens of formerly incarcerated men and women obtain employment.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS

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**KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ** is a professor of history and African American Studies at UCLA. She is one of the nation's leading scholars on the history race, policing, and incarceration in the United States. Her new book, *City of Inmates: Conquest and the Rise of Human Caging in Los Angeles*, chronicles how Los Angeles became the global epicenter of incarceration between the first days of Spanish conquest and the outbreak of the Watts Rebellion. Professor Lytle Hernandez is currently mapping the costs of incarceration in Los Angeles.



**ALEX JOHNSON** is the Executive Director for the Children's Defense Fund-California. In this capacity he leads the organizations statewide advocacy, policy, program and organizing efforts to ensure access to quality affordable health coverage and care for children and low income families, reforming the juvenile justice system, promoting educational equity, and ending child poverty. Prior to assuming this position, Alex served as Assistant Senior Deputy for Education and Public Safety to Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. A native of Los Angeles, before returning to his hometown, Alex worked with school instructional leaders in the New York City Department of Education where he provided counsel to school leaders and departmental executives as well as managed complex civil litigation, policy matters and special disciplinary proceedings as part of a teacher quality initiative. Alex is a graduate of Morehouse College and earned his Juris Doctor from American University, Washington College of Law. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Education and serves on the Board of the Wiley Center for Speech and Language Development, a clinic for children with autism and other related developmental disabilities. Alex is the author of *Beyond Higher Education: The Need for African-Americans to be "Knowledge Producers"*.



**SYDNEY KAMLAGER** is currently District Director for Senator Holly J. Mitchell (D-30). She is responsible for daily and strategic operations of the district office, including legislative and constituent initiatives, communications and programming. She comes to her current position with close to 20 years of experience in the non-profit, entertainment and policy sectors. She has spoken before local, national and international audiences on education and ECE issues, economic development, the arts, environmental justice, criminal justice reform and issues that impact the daily success of working families. Sydney Kamlager currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Unusual Suspects and is a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission on Children and Families. Ms. Kamlager is also a Trustee for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), the largest community college district in the nation. She graduated from the University of Southern California and Carnegie Mellon University.



**RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN** has served as the Executive Director for CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice) since 2009. Prior to his ordination in 1997 from Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Klein served congregations in Flagstaff, Arizona and Rye, New York. Upon receiving his rabbinical degree, he served three years as Director of KESHER, the Reform Jewish Movement's college outreach program and then eight years as the Allen and Ruth Ziegler Rabbinic Director of USC Hillel at the University of Southern California. Reflecting upon his experiences of bussing, his family's financial struggle, and his brother's life with Down's Syndrome, Rabbi Klein decided to unite the disparate experiences of his ILGWU-shop steward-grandmother Sophie Klein and his multigenerational ancestry into his work as a religious community organizer. Prior to his role at CLUE, Rabbi Klein served on the staff of Progressive Jewish Alliance (now Bend the Arc). He is particularly proud of-and nostalgic for-his first job in the organization, as a Community Organizer.



# FEATURED SPEAKERS

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**ADRIENNE LAMAR SNIDER** is Executive Director of the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles. For two decades, her professional efforts have been a commitment to disarm violent behavior and strengthen the work of people and organizations dedicated to improving lives impacted by violence. Adrienne is the former Chief Operations Officer at the Jenesse Center—a comprehensive prevention and intervention program for survivors of domestic violence and their families. Under her leadership with mentor, CEO, Karen Earl, the agency grew to be a premier facility for providing shelter services, vocational and educational training, mental health services, legal assistance, and resources to support individuals and families impacted by domestic violence. Spend any amount of time with Adrienne and you will discover that she is inspired through the healing and empowerment of those who have experience violence. As a creative and compassionate spirit, she spends much of her day contemplating and organizing programs that will transform and affirm. She even continues to build on her education, to strengthen her impact as a change agent. Adrienne holds a B.S. degree from Biola University and is currently a Masters Fellow at the University of LaVerne (2017).



**BEN OWENS** is a product of change and reformation of character. As a former gang member and drug dealer, Ben has been involved with the gang the culture for over thirty-five years. Having been shot twice, he knows what it feels like to be incapacitated as a result of street gang violence. Now he visits juvenile halls and writes to prisons to educate and encourage those who have made bad choices. He believes that part of the solutions can be provided by people who have “been there done that.” He is an Ordained Minister at Greater Chosen Temple Church and is the Executive Director of Detours Mentoring Group, Inc. He sits on the Executive Board of the Southern California Cease Fire Committee where he works with former and active gang members, victims of crime, clergy and law enforcement to resolve community induced violence. He has trained both Interventionists and Law Enforcement since 2007. He has been highlighted on every major news channel in Los Angeles, the Daily Breeze Newspaper, the Wave Newspaper, the Los Angeles Times and several radio shows in Los Angeles County. Currently a Program Coordinator with Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA) he supervises a staff of 12 GRYD Intervention workers in the South LA and Watts areas. He is also a consultant for many documentaries that illustrate gang violence in South Los Angeles.



**FERNANDO REJÓN** directs and oversees the Urban Peace Institute, formerly a program of the Advancement Project, which partners with communities and municipalities across the country to develop practice, policy, and systems solutions to reduce violence, achieve safety, and improve community health so that families can thrive. This includes the development of city-wide violence reduction strategies, national and international technical assistance delivery, police accountability, gang intervention, criminal and juvenile justice reform, neighborhood leadership development, and place-based initiatives around school and community safety. He is a key architect of the Urban Peace Academy (UPA), which is a national training and technical assistance platform that assists cities and communities to implement violence reduction strategies. Trainings include entry-level and advanced gang intervention, advanced law enforcement, safe passage and school safety, violence reduction, and summer safety strategies. In addition, he directs the nationwide and international expansion of the UPI and works to expand a LA regional violence reduction strategy into LA County. He has worked in non-profits for over 15 years and has 16 years of community organizing and program development experience. He holds a BA in Sociology and Communication Studies from the University of San Diego including a MA in Chican@ Studies from California State University, Northridge.



**DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIAM SCOTT** was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department in October 1989, and has worked a variety of assignments including patrol, detectives, gangs, homicide, Internal Affairs, Professional Standards Bureau, Special Assistant to the Director of The Office of Operations, Patrol Commanding Captain, and Area Commanding Officer. Deputy Chief Scott was appointed to Deputy Chief by Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck effective April 2015. Deputy Chief Scott is currently the Commanding Officer of Operations-South Bureau which serves the South Los Angeles Area. He oversees approximately 1700 sworn and civilian employees. Deputy Chief Scott is a graduate of the California Peace Officer Standards and Testing (POST) Management School, The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Senior Management Institute of Policing (SMIP), Boston Massachusetts, The Texas A and M Engineering Extension Services (TEEX) Incident Management Program, and has completed the Harvard Law Program on Negotiation. Deputy Chief Scott attended the University of Alabama where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He serves on the Board of Directors of the following organizations: The Los Angeles Police Command Officers Association, The Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives and Operation Progress.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**DR. TCHAKA SHEPHERD** received his BA with distinction in June 1994 from Morehouse College. In 2006, Dr. Shepherd returned to California to assist in the development of a Trauma Critical Care service at St. Francis Medical Center. Three years later, he was promoted to Physician-in-Chief of St. Francis Medical Center Trauma Services. Dr. Shepherd has led the development of a multidisciplinary ICU team which has greatly enhanced patient care and has effectively reduced in-hospital mortality. Dr. Shepherd continually promotes the virtues of collaboration. Under his leadership, the program in trauma has expanded clinical services to include countywide collaboration with community-based organizations. These efforts have led to the development of relationships and projects that have renewed the commitment of St. Francis Medical Center to hospital-based violence intervention and prevention.



**ANNE TREMBLAY** has served as the Director of Mayor Garcetti's Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development (GRYD) since January of 2014. Anne joined the City in 2002 and spent over five years as the Neighborhood Prosecutor assigned to Los Angeles Police Department's Newton Area. In this position, she worked in partnership with the police, city agencies and area stakeholders on projects designed to improve the quality of life and increase safety in the community. Anne later supervised the City Attorney's Anti-Gang Section where she led the office's gangs and firearms violence reduction strategies. She co-created and administered the gang alternative sentencing program and the gang injunction removal process. Anne is the author of *Beyond Community Policing: Engaging Prosecutors in Community Safety Partnerships* and is co-author *Creative Problem Solving and the Law*, a call for increased innovation and collaboration among criminal justice system partners. Anne holds a J.D. from Emory University School of Law and a B.A. in History from the University of California Berkeley. She was the 2013-14 President of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and is a former foster parent.



**K-RAHN VALLATINE** Educational Consultant and author, works to assist at risk youth in making healthy pro social decisions. He also serves diligently to educate youth service professionals on youth culture, while creating educational resources that help effectively engage this population. Throughout the years, K-Rahn has served as a school teacher, has sat on the Board of Directors of a charter school, has years of experience working in Los Angeles' juvenile halls and juvenile detention camps, and has established himself as an authority in the cultural analysis of urban youth culture. He is the author of the Live Above The Hype Hip Hop Life Skills Curriculum, a character development curriculum that uses Hip Hop culture to stimulate in depth self reflection and positive value shifts in gang and drug impacted young men. K-Rahn has offered several university lectures and professional developments for several hundred youth service professionals. He merges his entertainment talents and resources with his background in education and juvenile justice.



**BILLIE WEISS, MPH** is the Founder of the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles. She previously served as Associate Director of the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Program/UCLA, Fielding School of Public Health, and director of the L.A. County Department of Health Services Injury and Violence Prevention Program. She is currently one of the partners in the national UNITY initiative. Ms. Weiss focuses on research related to policies to reduce and prevent violence and evaluation of such policies including the epidemiology of gang homicides/assaults, intimate partner violence, pedestrian injuries, iron poisoning, drowning, and program/strategy evaluation. Ms. Weiss received the Regional Public Health Hero award 2001, The California Wellness Foundation California Peace Prize 2008, KCET TV Heroes Award 2012, and awards from Southern California Public Health Association, California Police Chiefs Association, Brady Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, Black Probation Officers of Los Angeles, and the Milton Roemer Award from the California Public Health Association.



**PETE WHITE** is a national leader in the movements against gentrification and displacement, police violence, and economic development that promotes profit over people. For nearly 20 years, he has served as the founder and Director of the Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN), fighting for the dignity and human rights of the residents of Skid Row and South Central Los Angeles. He has led LA CAN to boldly monitor, expose and challenge ticketing, arrests and uses of force against people in Skid Row - the most intensive targeting of militarized policing and suppression resources in the nation. He is considered by everyone who knows him as a brilliant strategist, utilizing direct action; advocacy and legislative creation at the city, county and state levels; litigation; base building; and popular education.



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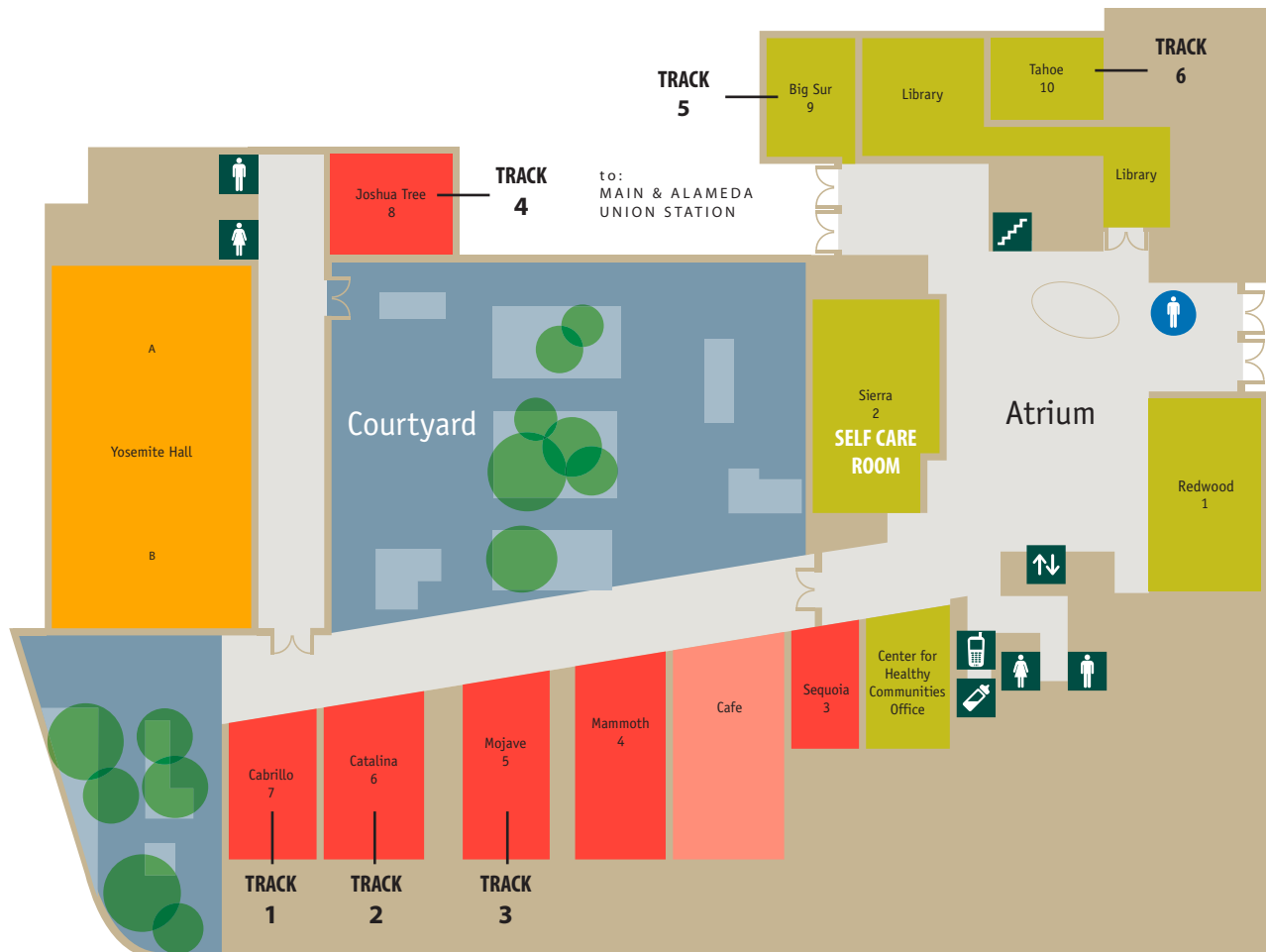
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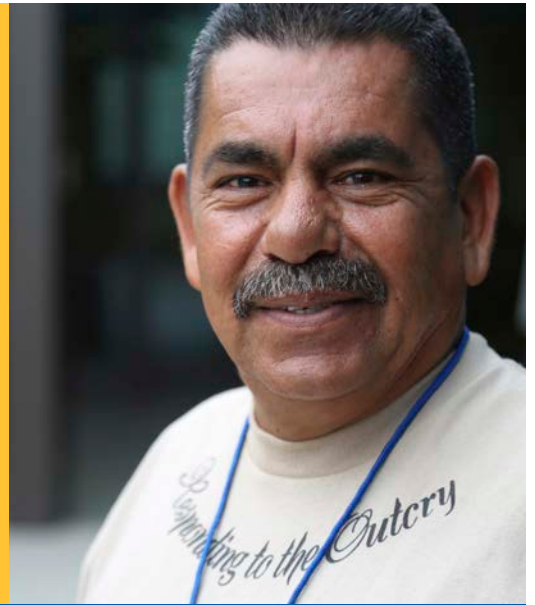
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