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*How to Make Change: Implementing Cost-Effective
Juvenile Justice Strategies*



JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM *Cost-Effective Juvenile Detention Strategies* Thursday, May 7, 2009

AGENDA

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| <i>Welcome</i> | 1:00 - 1:05 |
| Denise E. O'Donnell Deputy Secretary for Public Safety | |
| <i>Interview</i> | 1:05 - 2:03 |
| The Honorable David L. Bell, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, interviewed by Dr. Alan Chartock, WAMC/Northeast Public Radio | |
| <i>Intermission/Break</i> | 2:03 - 2:15 |
| <i>Bart Lubow</i> | 2:15 - 2:50 |
| The Annie E. Casey Foundation | |
| <i>Q&A</i> | 2:50 - 3:00 |
| <i>Annie Salsich</i> | 3:00 - 3:25 |
| Vera Institute of Justice | |
| <i>Q&A</i> | 3:25 - 3:50 |
| <i>Closing Remarks</i> | 3:50 - 4:00 |
| Assemblyman William Scarborough | |

Biographies

Hon. David L. Bell, Chief Judge Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

Judge Bell was elected to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court in 2004 and promoted to Chief Judge in December 2005. He oversaw the reform of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court after its staffing and infrastructure were gutted in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

He serves as Chairman of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI) Stakeholders Advisory Board and is currently Fleur de Lis Ambassador for the City of New Orleans. Judge Bell serves on the Board of Trustees for Boys Town of Louisiana, Youth Build USA, Reconcile New Orleans (Café Reconcile), the Louisiana Judicial Budgetary Control Board, the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Advisory Council.

Judge Bell received his Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law School in 1995 and established his own law practice, David L. Bell & Associates, in 1996.

Committed to a holistic approach to changing his community, Judge Bell opened a school for overage underachieving children in May, 2008.

Bart Lubow, Director Program for High-Risk Youth, Annie E. Casey Foundation

Mr. Lubow's work has focused on sentencing alternatives and advocacy since 1974, when he was hired as a social worker for the New York City Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Division. As NYS Director of Alternatives to Incarceration (1984- 1992), he oversaw development of more than 175 new programs that intervened in the cases of more than 50,000 defendants annually. Upon its formation, he became Deputy Director of the NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives.

Mr. Lubow became a Senior Associate at the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 1992. For the past 15 years, he has been the manager of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), perhaps the nation's most ambitious effort to date to demonstrate that

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jurisdictions can reduce reliance on secure detention without sacrificing public safety. JDAI is now in its dissemination and replication stage, and the success of participating sites is stimulating interest in detention reform throughout the country.

He has been Director of Casey's Program for High-Risk Youth since 2002. Mr. Lubow's work now covers a variety of projects and initiatives relevant to improving the odds that seriously disadvantaged youth will make successful transitions to adulthood.

Mr. Lubow did his undergraduate and graduate work at Cornell University, serves on local and national boards that include the Maryland Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, the Institute for Community Peace and the Community Justice Network for Youth, and has published multiple articles on justice system reforms.

Annie Salsich, Director Vera Institute's Center on Youth Justice

Annie Salsich is the Director of Vera Institute's Center on Youth Justice. The Center promotes the well-being and safety of youth, families, and communities by working with government to make juvenile justice systems equitable and humane in policy and practice.

Over the last several years, Ms. Salsich has provided technical assistance and support to numerous New York State counties—as well as national jurisdictions—on issues of status offender reform, juvenile detention reform, and school safety. Her work is focused on three areas: 1) diverting status offenders from court; 2) reducing reliance on pre-adjudication detention (jail) for youth by through the development of community-based detention alternatives; 3) Improving juvenile placement (or post-dispositional) systems by keeping children at home and in their communities when public safety permits.

Ms. Salsich co-authored *Widening the Lens: A Panoramic View of Juvenile Justice in New York State* and its sequel, *Widening the Lens 2008*. Before joining Vera, she was a program director of the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Connecticut and, prior to that, a case manager for pregnant and parenting teens.