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## **JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM How to Make Change: Implementing Cost-Effective Juvenile Justice Strategies Thursday, November 19th, 2009**

### **AGENDA**

<i>Welcome</i>	1:00 - 1:10
<i>Elizabeth Glazer, Esq. Chair, New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)</i>	
<i>Interview</i>	1:10 - 2:08
<i>Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform and Vincent N. Schiraldi, Director, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, interviewed by Alan Chartock, WAMC/Northeast Public Radio</i>	
<i>Intermission/Break</i>	2:08 - 2:20
<i>Shay Bilchik</i>	2:20 - 3:00
<i>"Effective Strategies for Systemic Reform"</i>	
<i>Vincent N. Schiraldi</i>	3:05 - 3:45
<i>"Driving Systems Change for Deep End Children"</i>	
<i>Q&amp;A</i>	3:45 - 4:00

## Biographies

### Vincent Schiraldi

Vincent N. Schiraldi brings more than 25 years of working with troubled youth and juvenile justice systems to the District of Columbia. As Director of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), Mr. Schiraldi oversees the agency's \$68 million dollar budget and has begun transforming the department by creating one of the nation's best continuums of care that is strength based and community and family focused.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Schiraldi founded the Justice Policy Institute (JPI), in 2002, where he served as the Executive Director. The JPI conducts research on the impact of mass incarceration and the overrepresentation of people of color behind bars, and has worked collaboratively on criminal and juvenile justice campaigns in Alabama, California, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland and Texas.

The JPI grew out of the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ), a private, non-profit criminal/juvenile justice agency dedicated to reducing society's reliance on imprisonment as a solution to social problems, which Mr. Schiraldi founded in 1991. As Executive Director, Mr. Schiraldi supervised all phases of agency operations. Successful projects included juvenile justice programming, continuum of care programming, an alternative sentencing program, the supervised citation release program and a supportive living program.

Mr. Schiraldi also worked with the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, both in New York City and San Francisco for nine years. Among its successful programs was the Parole Assistance Project, which developed social service plans for 156 California Department of Corrections parolees.

A recognized expert in the field of juvenile justice, Mr. Schiraldi has provided research findings and commentaries that have been covered on *the Today Show*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, evening newscasts for ABC, CBS and NBC, *National Public Radio*, *CNN* and the *BBC* to name a few. He has also published numerous papers and articles on the topic, and has spoken before a variety of academic and governmental audiences. He served as an advisor on the Washington, DC, Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform in 2001, and has been a member or advisor to the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Inmate Population Management, the California Commission on the Status of African American Men, and was the founding Chair of San Francisco's Juvenile Probation Commission in 1990.

## Biographies (con't.)

### Vincent Schiraldi (con't)

Mr. Schiraldi received his Masters in Social Work from New York University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Psychology from Binghamton University in Binghamton, NY.

### Shay Bilchik

Shay Bilchik is the founder and Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute. The Center's purpose is to focus the nation's public agency leaders, across systems of care and levels of government, on the key components of a strong juvenile justice reform agenda. This work is carried out through the dissemination of papers on key topics, the sponsorship of symposia, and a Certificate Program at Georgetown providing public agency leaders with short, but intensive study, and ongoing support in their reform efforts.

Prior to joining the Institute on March 1, 2007, Mr. Bilchik was the President and CEO of the Child Welfare League of America, a position he held from February of 2000. Shay led CWLA in its advocacy on behalf of children through his public speaking, testimony and published articles, as well as collaborative work with other organizations. He worked closely with the CWLA Board of Directors, staff, and its public and private agency members on issues impacting the well-being of children and families.

Prior to his tenure at CWLA, Shay headed up the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in the U.S. Department of Justice, where he advocated for and supported a balanced and multi-systems approach to attacking juvenile crime and addressing child victimization. Before coming to the nation's capital, Mr. Bilchik was an Assistant State Attorney in Miami, Florida from 1977-1993, where he served as a trial lawyer, juvenile division chief, and Chief Assistant State Attorney.

Mr. Bilchik earned his B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Florida. He and his wife Susan are the proud parents of two young adults, Melissa and Zach.