

## **Empowerment Summit: April 19-20, 2017**

Merritt College, 12500 Campus Dr, Oakland, CA 94619, USA

### **Agenda for Panelists**

## **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

**Registration, Continental breakfast, Sign-ups for Afternoon Legal Appointments 8:15 to 9:00**

- Introductory Remarks **9:00 to 9:15**
  - About Family Day, R&R, and our partners (10 min.)

**Watani Stiner keynote (15 min.) 9:15 to 9:25**

- R&R intro. Of Watani
- Message of empowerment for people and families in reentry

**PANEL 1: Community voices -- starting off message of empowerment (1 hour) 9:25 to 10:30**

*Objective: Start the summit off strong by having our panelists share their lived experiences to demonstrate why creating prison-to-school and prison-to-employment pipelines is paramount. Giving the folks who have lived through the issues the space to be the catalyst for this solutions-oriented event. Set the stage (and tone) for the summit.*

- Carmen Garcia (R&R)
- Street Scholars (1 representative)
- All of Us or None (1 representative)
- NEW DREAM at College of Alameda (Tanasha Stevens)
- Underground Scholars Initiative (1 representative)

**PANEL 2: Coalition building & community unity across cultural lines (63 minutes -- 4 panelists @ 12 min. each + 15 min. for Q&A) 10:30 to 11:35**

*Objective: Exploring the ways that mass incarceration and deportation impact our respective communities and then coming together explore ideas for how we can unify and create coalitions to combat marginalization, mass criminalization, over-incarceration, mass deportation.*

- Asian Prisoners Support Committee (Ke Lam)
- Roots Community Health Center (Jessica Travenia)
- Because Black is Still Beautiful (Marilyn Barnes)
- Alameda County Probation Department (Neola Crosby)

**Lunch is served AND *Life After Life* screening 11:45 to 1:20**

- Film is 72 minutes
- 20 minutes of moderated Q&A after film

**Doris Mangrum (more info. About what this could look like) -- facilitated community/audience dialogue about what we can do to end mass incarceration 1:30 to 2:45**

### **AFTERNOON WORKSHOP 1: R&R ROADMAP TO REENTRY WORKSHOPS**

- In the main event space: KYR workshop for people in reentry and their families
- **2:15** Workshop begins
  - “Big picture” Introduction about R&R, what we do, and how R&R can provide critical support to people and families in reentry
  - Guided tour through Roadmap to Reentry and Family Toolkit
  - Topic Intensive: *family & children*
  - Topic Intensive: *court-ordered debt & restitution*
- **4:00** Workshop concludes
- In classroom located near main event space: Train-the-trainer workshop for social services agencies, case managers, and other professionals
- **2:15** Workshop begins
  - “Big picture” Introduction about R&R, what we do, and how R&R can provide critical support to social workers and case managers
  - Guided tour through Roadmap to Reentry and Family Toolkit
  - Topic Intensive: *family & children*
  - Topic Intensive: *court-ordered debt & restitution*
- **4:00** Workshop concludes

### **1-on-1 Legal Advice Appointments 1:30 to 4:00**

- (3 attorneys + 3 law clerks)
- simultaneously occurring at same time as workshop
- Attendees can sign up for 30-minute time slots with R&R attorneys

**\*\*Day 1 concludes by 4:00 p.m.\*\***

## **Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**Registration, Continental breakfast, Sign-ups for Afternoon Legal Appointments 8:15 to 9:00**

- Introductory Remarks **9:00 to 9:25**
  - About Family Day, R&R, and our partners (10 min.)

**Street Scholars Remarks 9:15 to 9:25**

- Ron Moss (15 min.)

**PANEL 3: Education** (63 minutes -- 4 panelists @ 12 min. each + 15 min. for Q&A) **9:25 to 10:30**

*Objective: Exploring how we can create and ensure equitable access to higher ed for people in reentry and families impacted by incarceration. Focus on practical information and steps -- who, what, where, when, and how -- to ensure that audience has takeaway steps and resources to use in their/their loved one's journey*

- Underground Scholars Initiative
- Project Rebound at SF State
- African American Male Achievement Program
  - Lamar Hancock (Oakland Tech)
- Merritt College -- Accessing educational resources (Debra Jacks) -- financial aid, counseling, etc.
- Merritt College counseling services -- counseling and emotional support for FIP and the importance of mental health for minority students in higher ed
  - Stephanie

**PANEL 4: Family -- reunification, family strengthening, and accessing resources** (63 minutes -- 4 panelists @ 12 min. each + 15 min. for Q&A) **10:30 to 11:35**

*Objective: Giving the experts space to discuss family reunification and strengthening from the practitioners' viewpoint -- unpack stigma attached to family counseling and mental health issues, while also giving audience "go-to" resources and advice for their families to use in the way that works best for them*

- Carl B. Metoyer Center for Family Counseling (Dina Alkhoury (and Pamela Mchombo-Taylor)
- PCAG (Kimberly Murphy)
- LSPC (Brittany Stonesifer)
- Project WHAT! (youth advocate)
- Root & Rebound DT (to discuss FC Toolkit)

**Lunch** (60 minutes leading into Mia Birdsong keynote address) **11:35 to 12:35**

- Screening of Stand Together's R&R documentary film

**Mia Birdsong keynote** (25 minutes) **12:10 to 12:35**

- Introduction by R&R staff
  - Keynote message of empowerment & inspiration for families impacted by incarceration

**PANEL 5: Employment** (63 minutes -- 6 panelists) **12:35 to 1:40**

*Objective: Having an open and “real” conversation about what people with records need to know about finding long-term, stable employment, what their rights are, how to find the “right” job, and how to enter the professional world (including tips about resumes, interviews, networking AND ALSO tips for entering people entering professional workspaces that aren’t always diverse or culturally competent)*

- Employment readiness (Debra Jacks)
- Career Institute at Merritt College (Cicely Winston)
- Street Scholars (Earthy Young)
- Rep. from Emancipators Initiative/Clean 360 (Roots Community Health Center)
- LeadersUp (Joanna Martinez)
- LSPC (Endria Richardson speaking on Ban the Box)

**AFTERNOON WORKSHOP 2: Reducing Barriers to Employment Workshops** **1:40 to 4:00**

*Objective:*

*Continuing the afternoon’s employment discussion by focusing specifically on legal barriers and issues. This will be a “know your rights” panel/workshop that will help the audience to learn their rights, spot issues, and know what their options (and where to go) when issues arise throughout the employment application/licensing process.*

**R&R workshop** (30 minutes) **1:40 to 2:10**

- Understanding & cleaning criminal records and Fair Chance Hiring

**LSPC (Eva DeLair)** **2:10 to 2:55**

- **Cleaning criminal records**

**EBCLC workshop** (45 minutes) **2:55 to 3:45**

- Clean Slate Clinic workshop on occupational licensing & how to clean your record

**1-on-1 Legal Advice Appointments** **1:00 to 4:00**

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- simultaneously occurring at same time as workshop
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**Closing Remarks** **3:45 to 4:00**

- Street Scholars at Merritt

**\*\*Day 2/ Event concludes by 4:00 p.m.\*\***