CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY CONSORTIUM

Lessons from the Field Goals and Objectives

UNBARRED: STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AFFECTED BY INCARCERATION

November 14, 2013 • 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
McNamara Alumni Center and broadcast live to sites in Greater Minnesota

Co-sponsored by University of Minnesota’s Program in Health Disparities Research.

AM PRESENTERS

• Dr. Rebecca Shlafer, U of MN Department of Pediatrics - Research perspectives
• Warden Eddie Miles, Lino Lakes Prison - Prison Culture
• Erica Gerrity, Isis Rising - Prison Doula Program
• Lori Lofrano, Department of Corrections - Transitioning to life after incarceration
• Deborah Jiang Stein, Author, *Even Tough Girls Wear Tutus* and *Prison Baby: A Memoir*

PM FACILITATOR/PRESENTERS

• Daniel Marcou - Hennepin County Libraries
• Ebony Ruhland- Council of Crime and Justice

VIDEO HOST SITES:

The seminar will also be video streamed live to host sites in Greater Minnesota. A complete listing of host sites is available on children's mental health programming web site at: www.cyfc.umn.edu

AUDIENCE

This seminar content is applicable for professionals who work with children, youth, and families who have been impacted by incarceration. The target audience includes: child protection workers, educators (public and private), foster parents, juvenile justice workers, legal advocates, law enforcement, pediatric nurses, policy makers, psychologists, public health workers, and social workers.

CONTENT

The format for this all-day seminar includes lecture presentations; break-out sessions discussions and learning sessions viewing of the documentary, *Mothers of Bedford* a film about a maximum security prison, and the lives of incarcerated women and their families; and breakout discussions and learning sessions.
Goal: Participants will learn to integrate research and practices to build and maintain positive family connections during parental incarceration.

Objectives: Participants will:

• Identify ways that parental incarceration impacts children and youth
• Examine existing community resources for families who experience incarceration
• Discuss ways to effectively use Sesame Street materials about parental incarceration
• Generate potential interventions to improve prison visits for children whose parents are incarcerated

Co-sponsors

• Center for Leadership Education in Maternal and Child Public Health, U of MN
• Strengthening Families Affected by Incarceration Collaborative
• Child Psychology Student Organization, U of MN

Host-site sponsors

• PACT for Families
• Northland Foundation
• Grant County Children and Youth Council
• Northeast Service Cooperative
• Clay County Early Childhood Initiative
• Region 3 Low Incidence Project

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• Cultural Providers Network
• Department of Corrections

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