



The BROWARD COUNTY CRIME COMMISSION

Presents

Juvenile and Adolescent Violence: Why the Unthinkable Happens?

"Every 8 and a Half Minutes a Child is Arrested for a Violent Crime"

(Source: Children's Defense Fund; "The State of America's Children Handbook 2014"; Available at:
<http://www.childrensdefense.org/library/moments/moments-in-america-for-children.html>)

**As Part of the Crime Commission's *Building Bridges*
Mental Health Conference Series**

CONFERENCE OUTLINE & BROCHURE

DATE:

Friday, September 30th, 2016

ADDRESS:

Westin Fort Lauderdale Hotel

400 Corporate Drive

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334

SIGN-IN/AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Lunch 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.)

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ABOUT THE CRIME COMMISSION:

Purpose:

The Broward County Crime Commission is a 39 year old independent, state chartered office, acting judiciously on behalf of law – abiding citizens, in overseeing local, state, and federal Criminal Justice System protocols, processes, methodologies, and approaches, to better protect and assist the citizens of Broward County.

Mission:

The Crime Commission assesses and evaluates crime in Broward County (and south Florida), and works in concert with Law Enforcement, the General Public, and the Criminal Justice System, to derive solutions against crime, as well as social issues that can transpire into crime, in order to enhance public safety.

Role:

As an independent, fact – finding agency, the Crime Commission has distinguished itself as a laureate governing body, which works diligently to improve the integrity of the Criminal Justice System, as well as strengthen and preserve the key components of Public Safety in Broward County, on behalf of the Broward County citizenry.

Operations:

The Crime Commission executes its operations through a cadre of meritorious program's involving perspective, education, research, white paper studies, technology, analytics, advocacy, certifications, outreach rehabilitative and counseling programs, and facilitation of findings to both the Criminal Justice System and the residents of Broward County.

Programs:

The Crime Commission embodies innovative, preemptive, and proactive protocols (versus reactive programs), especially with guiding and mentoring children, so that they do not succumb to a life of crime, or suffer the ill fate of a heinous crime. **Programs for 2016 -2017 include:**

1. The Building Bridges Mental Health Conference Series, as It Relates to Psychosis, Psychopathology, and Crime Reduction
2. Broward County Crime Commission Center for Research and Technology
3. CSI: STEM Leadership Summer Camp
5. High School Criminal Justice Curriculums
6. Broward County Crime Commission Institute of Criminal Justice Breakfast Series
7. Consumer Fraud Programs

Juvenile and Adolescent Violence: Why the Unthinkable Happens?

The Need:

Youth violence garners considerable attention in the media as well as in public policy debates. In its role of assessing crime (and social issues that can transpire into crime), the Broward County Crime Commission felt compelled to conduct a forum on the underlying reasons why Juvenile and Adolescent Violence may occur.

As part of the Crime Commission's Building Bridges Mental Health Conference series, the Crime Commission is hosting a one day conference, with a variety of panels, speakers, and experts to address this "Social Concern". Some of the foremost professionals, educators, and brightest minds in the fields of law enforcement, criminal justice, sociology, psychiatry, psychology, behavioral health sciences, medicine, education, and academia will be participating.

During this symposium, the Crime Commission will attempt to seek answers of the sociologic, human behavior and/or psychosis of why such crimes occur. Why do Juvenile, Adolescent and Youth Violence continue to envelop one tragedy after another? What are the reasons? What are the solutions?

Sociological and Psychological Issues:

Is the recurring problem of Juvenile Violence more sociological or psychological? How important is the family unit, including the necessary responsibilities allotted parents? What good, bad, or indifferent influence does the surrounding community have on Juvenile Violence? Is it responsible social behavior to have children witness real life violence or engage in media or technological recreation where murder and crime are the main precedents of entertainment?

These are some of the conundrums, including much more, that have been discussed, documented, dissected, written and discussed again, time and time again, on a professional basis, for over 100 years in the United States. Ironically, although the studies have been comprehensive, and further catalogued in specialized sub-topics of Juvenile Violence, the credible reports have rarely been rebuked. Why? Everyone seems to have had their own saga to which they can relate. Albeit a friend, a family member, etc., etc.

Moreover, although society has become more socially liberal over the past 100 years, most people still have a sensitive and empathetic heart toward children and cannot come to terms of why a child would ever commit a violent act. Finally, rather than rebuke or complain, and be part of the problem, many seem to want to be part of the solution. This is half the battle; the glass is certainly half full in resolving this escalating problem!

What then, does the United States have to do, to finally eliminate this problem from the American culture? There are tremendous 'play books' of solutions on the topic, but are

there so many, that perhaps it may be too overwhelming to sift through to clearly define what works best?

Realities to Consider:

Each year, youth homicides and assault-related injuries result in an estimated \$16 billion in combined medical and work loss costs. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) indicate that homicide is the second leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds overall, after car accidents. In this age group, homicide is the number one cause of death among African Americans, the second leading cause of death among Hispanics, and the third leading cause of death among American Indians. (1)

The teen murder rate in the United States is ten times that of Western Europe and seventy times that of Japan. The majority (75%) of teen murderers know their victims:

1. 27% are family members;
2. 48% are friends or acquaintances.

Eighty percent of the time, the teen killer uses a gun, and 75% of the time, the murder is about gang violence. Girls account for 10% of teen murders, and their victim is usually a parent, boyfriend or their own child. <http://www.crchealth.com/troubled-teenagers/teen-murder>. In 2002, 5,219 youth ages 15 to 24 were murdered—an average of 14 per day.

Violence does not have to be fatal to greatly affect individuals and communities. Estimates from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System suggest that more than 589,000 youth ages 15 to 24 were treated for nonfatal, assault-related injuries in U.S. hospital emergency departments in 2002. That is 111 nonfatal injuries for every violence-related death.

The Following Circumstances Double the Chances of a Juvenile Committing Murder:

1. A history of being abused or neglected;
2. Gang membership;
3. A family history of criminal violence

The Following Circumstances Triple the Risk:

1. Having a gun in the house;
2. School difficulties and poor attendance
3. A history of arrests
4. Having a neurological or mental disorder.

Several Kinds of Killers:

1. The angry, impulsive juvenile who acts in anger or passion;
2. The juvenile with an ongoing problem with a family member or friend;
3. The juvenile who kills while committing a crime;

4. The juvenile school shooter.
5. Sixteen percent of juvenile murders have no apparent motive.

Researched Validations for Juvenile Shootings:

1. Severe depression and a history of suicide attempts
2. Feeling bullied, persecuted, threatened and personally attacked at school
3. Lack of social bonds with family members
4. Sullen loners with an extreme interest/obsession with weapons and violence

Other Signs of Potential Trouble:

1. Poor anger and impulse control;
2. Bullying others;
3. Social isolation
4. Lack of conscience and empathy;
5. Cruelty to animals or children;
6. Drug and alcohol abuse;
7. Nihilism;
8. Contempt for others;
9. Black and White thinking due to lack of logic and reasoning skills.

Awareness:

Parents, guardians, siblings, relatives, mentors, role models, friends, and teachers have an inherent responsibility to themselves and society to preempt these potential acts of violence brought on by the tendencies described herein and throughout this paper; and to seek immediate treatment for a juvenile suffering such emotional challenges. Having a gun in the house not only triples the child's risk for homicide, but it increases the risk of committing suicide ten times over.

The Building Bridges symposium intends to address all stated concerns and leave attendees and participants with clearly defined predictive analytics, as well as solutions.

References:

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Web based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) [online]. (2010). [cited 2012 Oct 19]; Available from www.cdc.gov/injury.



AGENDA:

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. - **SIGN IN/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:45 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. - **Opening Comments** by Broward County Crime Commission

8:50 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. - **Panel Discussion I: Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs**

9:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - **Panel Discussion II: Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial**

11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. **BREAK**

11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - **Panel Discussion III: A Juvenile Judiciary Panel**

LUNCH – 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. –

Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Attorney Henry (Hank) Coxe III, The Bedell Law Firm - **Re: the Cristian Fernandez Case**;

Guest Commentary: John Shaw, M.D., M.S., Professor and Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Miami (UM); - **Re: the Cristian Fernandez Case – Nature vs. Nurture**

1:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. **BREAK**

1:40 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. - **Panel Discussion IV: The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life**

2:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. - **Panel Discussion V: How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior**

Event Finishes NLT 3:45 p.m.



PANELIST PARTICIPANTS:

Panel I: Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs

- 1) Linda Bacheller, Psy.D., J.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Director, M.S. Clinical Psychology Program, Barry University;
- 2) Detective Kevin Forsberg, Homicide, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO);
- 3) Sarah Gillespie Cummings, LMFT, Treatment Manager, Juvenile Assessment Team, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO);
- 4) Lindsay C. Malloy, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Florida International University (FIU);
- 5) Jon A. Shaw, M.D., M.S., Professor and Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Miami (UM);
- 6) Lucina Q. Uddin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Miami (UM), Brain Connectivity and Cognition Laboratory;
- 7) Miguel T. Villodas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Center for Children and Families, Department of Psychology, Florida International University

MODERATOR: Dr. Jamie Huysman, Vice-President, WellMed Medical Management

Panel II: Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial

- 1) Dr. Michael Brannon, Founder, the Institute for Behavioral Sciences and the Law ;
- 2) Dr. Lori Butts, President and Director, Clinical & Forensic Institute, Inc.;
- 3) Senior Judge Joel Lazarus, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County);
- 4) Attorney Jim Lewis, Law Offices of James S. Lewis;
- 5) Attorney Ken Padowitz, Kenneth Padowitz, P.A.;
- 6) Attorney Glenn Roderman, Law Offices of Glenn R. Roderman P.A.;
- 7) Director David Watkins, Broward County Public Schools, Equity and Academic Attainment

MODERATOR: Paula McMahon, Writer, Sun-Sentinel Newspaper

Panel III: A Juvenile Judiciary Panel

- 1) Judge Joseph G. Foster, 20th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Collier County);
- 2) Judge James Martz, 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Palm Beach County);
- 3) Judge Alberto Milian, 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Miami - Dade County);
- 4) Judge Carlos Rebollo, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County);
- 5) Judge Mavel Ruiz, 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Miami - Dade County);
- 6) Judge Elijah Williams, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County);
- 7) Judge Angelica Zayas, 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Miami - Dade County)

MODERATOR: Chief Judge Peter Weinstein, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County)

Panel IV: The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life

- 1) Richard Bravo-Brown, Special Enforcement Team Officer, Margate Police Department
- 2) Cassandra Evans, M.S. Chief Probation Officer, Circuit 17, Probation & Community Intervention;
- 3) Mike Ferraldo, Detective, Gang Related Issues, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO);
- 4) Laura L. Finley, Ph.D Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminology, Barry University;
- 5) Lisa Konczal, Ph.D, Professor, Sociology & Criminology, Barry University;
- 6) Larry Lawton, CEO, Reality Check Program;
- 7) Cesar Morales, Detective, Gang Related Issues, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO);
- 8) Clyde Parry, Deputy Chief, Coral Springs Police Department;
- 9) Robin Vallacher, Ph.D, Department of Psychology, Florida Atlantic University (FAU)

MODERATOR: Judge Ilona Holmes, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County)

Panel V: How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior

- 1) Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO, Children's Service Council of Broward County
- 2) Tom Albano, Broward County Public Schools, Director, Diversity, Prevention, and Intervention (DPI);
- 3) Marilyn Camerota, Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital, Memorial Healthcare System (MHS)
- 4) Jason Kaufman, Attorney, President, Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (BACDL)
- 5) Trahern LaFavor, Ph.D., MST Therapist Supervisor, Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options (JAFCO)
- 6) Tiesha Nelson, Ph.D., The Association of Black Psychologists, South Florida Chapter
- 7) Brian Quail, CEO/President, Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
- 8) Silvia Quintana, CEO, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition
- 9) Dr. Barbara Weinstein, President/CEO, Family Central

MODERATOR: Dr. Juliana Gerena, Gerena & Associates



45 DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

1. **Tom Albano, Director, Diversity, Prevention, and Intervention (DPI), Broward County Public Schools –**

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior– Panel V*

Diversity, Prevention & Intervention Department's (DPI) goal is to plant the seeds for a drug and violence free tomorrow for all Broward County Public School students. DPI (formerly the Diversity, Cultural Outreach & Prevention DCO&P) employs culturally competent family counselors and prevention specialists to implement this vision through the provision of resources and support to our community of educators, students and families. Through collaboration and carefully planned services and programs focusing on the four strands of prevention, the DPI helps to ensure the academic success of all Broward County's students.

2. **Linda Bacheller, PSYD., J.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Director, M.S. Clinical Psychology Program –**

Panelist Participant: *Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs – Panel I*

Dr. Bacheller, a clinical psychologist, joined the faculty at Barry in 2008. Prior to coming to Barry, she worked in clinical practice providing therapy to underprivileged mothers in Fort Lauderdale. Dr. Bacheller earned her M.S. in psychology from Barry University and her Psy.D and J.D. (2006) from Widener University in Pennsylvania.

3. **Dr. Michael P. Brannon, Founder, the Institute of Behavioral Sciences and the Law –**

Panelist Participant: *Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial – Panel II*

Dr. Michael P. Brannon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, a Master of Science degree in Psychology, and a Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from Nova University. He was the Clinical Director of The Starting Place, a program for teenagers with substance abuse problems, from 1980 to 1990. He has been licensed as a psychologist in the state of Florida since 1990. He has specialized in the area of forensic psychology since 1994. He is currently the co-director of the Institute for Behavioral Sciences and the Law in Coral Springs, Florida. He has conducted over 20,000 forensic evaluations and testified as an expert over 1500 times in Federal Court and State Court. He has been featured on numerous television shows including CNN, The Today Show, Erin Burnett OutFront, Forensic Files, Chris Matthews Hardball, The O'Reilly Factor, and Headline News Network.

4. **Richard Bravo-Brown, Special Enforcement Team Officer, Margate Police Department –**

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life – Panel IV*

The Margate Police Department Investigative Services Bureau consists of the Criminal Investigations Unit, Special Operations Unit and the Special Enforcement Team (SET), which includes detectives that investigate; Narcotics Enforcement, Major Crimes, Property and Persons Crimes. Formed in 2008, one of the primary roles of SET is the detection and suppression of gang-related activity.

5. **Lori J. Butts, J.D., Ph.D., President and Director of the Clinical & Forensic Institute –**

Panelist Participant: *Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial – Panel II*

Dr. Lori J. Butts is currently the President of Florida Psychological Association. She is also the President and Director of the Clinical and Forensic Institute, with offices in Davie and Lake Worth, Florida. She is a Florida licensed psychologist, with specializations in clinical and forensic psychology; she is also a member of the Florida Bar Association. After graduating from Clemson University with Honors, Dr. Butts received her law and doctoral psychology degrees from the innovative jointly sponsored program by Villanova School of Law and Drexel University Department of Clinical Psychology. She completed her internship in clinical and forensic psychology at New York University School of Medicine, Bellevue Hospital, and Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Hospital.

6. **Marilyn Camerota, Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital, Memorial Healthcare System (MHS) –**

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior– Panel V*

The Division of Psychiatry and Psychology at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is committed to providing outstanding and compassionate care to its patients and their families. The Children Adolescent Treatment Services program provides evaluation and therapy for children and adolescents dealing with emotional illness or substance abuse. Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital offers such services as crisis stabilization, psychiatric evaluation, bio-psycho-social assessment, individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, discharge planning and after-care placement. These services are designed to address issues regarding communication, problem solving, coping and self-esteem.

7. **Attorney Henry (Hank) Coxe III, Director, The Bedell Law Firm –**

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *The Cristian Fernandez Case - Why a 12 Year Old Boy Would Kill His 2 Year Old Brother?*

Hank Coxe received his undergraduate degree from the University of the South (Sewanee) and his law degree from Washington and Lee University. Board certified by The Florida Bar, he specializes in serious federal and state criminal matters. He joined the Bedell Firm in 1996. Coxe has served as president of The Florida Bar and the Jacksonville Bar Association and has recently served on the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission and the Florida Supreme Court Innocence Commission. He has been recognized with the highest awards of the Criminal Law Section of The Florida Bar, the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Florida Bar Foundation, and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid. He is listed in Florida Super Lawyers (Top 10 and Top 100), Florida Trend magazine's Legal Elite Hall of Fame, and Best Lawyers in America.

8. **Sarah Gillespie Cummings, LMFT, Treatment Manager, Juvenile Assessment Team, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) –**

Panelist Participant: *Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs* – Panel I

Sarah G. Cummings has been the Treatment Manager for the Juvenile Assessment Team located at the Broward county Juvenile Assessment Center since December of 2009. The Juvenile Assessment Team has been identifying youth victim survivors of human trafficking, as well as other forms of trauma, since 2010. Ms. Cummings provided consultation to the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Department of Juvenile Justice toward their development of the Human Trafficking Screening Tool to be utilized statewide, and she developed the Train the Trainer curriculum for DJJ. Prior to joining the Broward Sheriff's Office, Ms. Cummings worked for several years as a therapist and then Clinical Supervisor within the therapeutic foster care system, specifically with youth who had developed severe emotional disturbance in relation to their prior trauma. Later in her career, Ms. Cummings transitioned to clinical work with youth and young adults diagnosed with primary substance abuse disorders. Ms. Cummings received her undergraduate degree in Psychology at Florida State University, and her Masters degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at the University of Miami. She has been a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist since 1996 and a Qualified Supervisor since 2002.

9. **Cassandra Evans, M.S., Chief Probation Officer, Circuit 17, Probation & Community Intervention –**

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life* – Panel IV

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice oversees the Probation and Community Intervention program. Every youth under the age of 18 charged

with a crime in Florida is referred to the Department of Juvenile Justice. A referral is similar to an arrest in the adult criminal justice system. The Department provides a recommendation to the State Attorney and the Court regarding appropriate sanctions and services for the youth. When making a recommendation, the Department has several options that allow the youth to remain in his or her home community. Each youth is assigned a Juvenile Probation Officer who monitors compliance and helps the youth connect with service providers. If the youth does not comply with Probation, is charged with a serious crime, or has a significant history of offenses, the youth may be ordered to live in a residential facility for a period of time.

10. Detective Mike Ferraldo, Gang Related Issues, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) –

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life – Panel IV*

BSO's Criminal Investigations Division is the agency's central detective bureau for major crimes. Gang Related crimes, Homicides, robberies, sexual offenses and other violent crimes against persons are investigated by detectives assigned to one of three primary sections. The Broward Sheriff's Office implemented the Broward Gang Strike Force (BGSF) that is proactive to the enforcement and suppression of gang activity.

11. Dr. Laura Finley, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology/Criminology Barry University –

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life – Panel IV*

Laura Finley, associate professor of sociology and criminology, earned a BA in Secondary Education (1994), an MA in Education and Professional Development (1999), and a Ph.D. in Sociology (2002), all from Western Michigan University. The courses she teaches include introduction to criminology, theories of deviance, critical issues in criminal justice, sociology of violence, elite and organized crime, and perspective consciousness and social justice. Dr. Finley is the author or co-author of seven books on various social justice topics. She regularly presents at professional conferences on issues related to peace, human rights, and social justice, and has published numerous articles and book chapters on these issues. She is also a community activist, serving with several non-profits to provide services to victims of domestic violence and essential human rights. Her current work is focused on peace education in colleges and universities.

12. Detective Kevin Forsberg, Homicide, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) –

Panelist Participant: *Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs – Panel I*

Detective Forsberg began his career in 1994 working for the State University Police Department. In 2001, he joined the Broward Sheriff's Office, working the

Parkland, Oakland Park, and Pompano Beach districts. Shortly, thereafter, he became a detective in the Pompano Beach Criminal Investigations Unit, initially investigating Property Crimes, which he worked for three years. Since 2011, Detective Forsberg has been assigned to the Homicide Unit, and has devoted his life to solving the worst possible crimes known to man, bringing justice to the victims and their families.

13. Judge Joseph Foster, Juvenile Division, 20th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Collier County) –

Panelist Participant: *A Juvenile Judiciary Panel* – Panel III

Judge Foster practiced law in Cleveland, Ohio until 2000 when he moved to Southwest Florida. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Foster practiced civil trial law for fifteen years in the area of commercial and business litigation in state and federal courts in Ohio and Florida. Judge Foster was elected to the Circuit Court bench by the voters of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in 2012. Judge Foster is actively involved in the community. He is a proud graduate of the Leadership Collier Class of 2008, and has served in various capacities with Collier County Bar Association. Judge Foster graduated from the University of Michigan in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in History. He attended the Case Western Reserve University School of Law where he participated in the National Moot Court team and received his Juris Doctor degree cum laude in 1997.

14. Juliana Gerena, Psy.D., Gerena & Associates –

***MODERATOR: How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior*– Panel V**

Gerena & Associates has experience providing contracted mental health services for: the Department of Children and Families, conducting psychological and psychosexual assessments for adults and youths; the Department of Juvenile Justice, conducting comprehensive evaluations for youths alleged to have committed a delinquent act and outpatient sexual offender/sexual behavior specific treatment; the State of Florida, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, conducting mental retardation and autism assessments; ChildNet Inc. and Our Kids of Miami/Monroe, Inc., providing psychological, psychosocial, psychosexual, and psychiatric evaluations and individual therapy for dependent youths and adults in Broward and Dade Counties; Camelot Community Care, ChildNet, Inc., Broward Sheriff's Office, Sandy Pines, the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Children's Services Council, providing staff training in the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders and children with sexual behavior problems.



15. Judge Ilona Holmes, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County) –

MODERATOR: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life – Panel IV*

Ilona Maxine Holmes is a Criminal Division judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court in Florida. She was appointed by former Governor Lawton Chiles in June of 1998. Her current term expires in January of 2019. Holmes received her B.A. Degree (in political science) from Florida Atlantic University and her J.D. degree from Texas Southern University - Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Holmes was admitted to the Bar in 1982. Early in her career, Holmes worked as an assistant state attorney in Miami-Dade County. In 1991, she became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Ft. Lauderdale. She held that position until her appointment to the circuit court in 1998.

16. Dr. Jamie Huysman, Vice-President, WellMed Medical Management –

MODERATOR: *Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs – Panel I*

Dr. Huysman began his career with HCA hospitals and has gone on to work with OrNda and Tenet hospitals as a corporate Vice President of business development, driving clinical programming that integrated community services and clinics with medical, surgical and behavioral healthcare. Today he works in provider relations and governmental affairs for a San Antonio based physician-owned primary clinic organization called WellMed Medical Management. WellMed is an innovative senior care model that works with all payers, Medicare Advantage and fee for service alike. WellMed physicians and clinics takes full risk and often are fully delegated with health plans, developing innovative strategies to create better medical quality outcomes through effective community partnerships, and offering preventative medicine that is patient focused. Dr. Huysman was awarded the Florida Social Worker of the Year award in 2008. He writes for BoomerLiving.com, AgingCare.com, Florida MD and Today's Caregiver magazine and blogs for Psychology Today. Huysman was one of a specially selected panel by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), AARP and The Hartford Foundation to craft the NASW new "Standards for Social Work Practice with Family Caregivers of Older Adults."

17. Jason Kaufman, Attorney, President, Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (BACDL) –

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior– Panel V*

Jason Kaufman, formerly a partner in Schmidt and Kaufman, PA, specializes in the area of criminal law. He received his bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Florida in 2000 and freelanced as a photojournalist and an

elementary school teacher before going to law school. While obtaining his Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University, Jason was a member of the American Association of Trial Lawyers and was in the Pro Bono Honor Program. Serving as an Assistant Public Defender in Broward County, Jason handled a caseload averaging over 100 felony circuit criminal cases on a daily basis. During this time he handled and tried verdict cases ranging from simple misdemeanors to first degree murder and capital sexual battery. His extensive trial experience as a criminal lawyer helped to build a formidable presence in the courtroom. Partnering with attorney Ron Schmidt, Jason continued to focus solely in the area of criminal law and has amassed over 70 Jury Trials handling cases ranging from simple misdemeanors all the way up to first degree Murder.

18. Dr. Lisa Konczal, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology/Criminology Barry University –

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life* – Panel IV

Lisa Konczal, associate professor of sociology and criminology, teaches courses on sociology, juvenile delinquency, perspective consciousness & social justice and research methodology. Her professional interests include immigration-ethnicity studies, global stratification and sociology of education. After completing her Ph.D. from Florida International University she did post-doctoral research with the Center for Migration and Development at Princeton University. Konczal has presented her work at regional and national conferences. Her recent work on the lives of immigrants has been published in *The International Journal of Educational Policy, Research, and Practice*; *Ethnic & Racial Studies*; and the *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

19. Senior Judge Joel Lazarus, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County) –

Panelist Participant: *Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial* – Panel II

Joel Lazarus presided over the Lionel Tate case. Lazarus worked as an assistant state attorney from 1978 until 1993. Lazarus was appointed a circuit judge for Broward County, Florida in 1993 by governor Lawton Chiles. He retired on December 31, 2010, in part to avoid the governor being able to replace him. Although retired, as of December 2013, he has returned on a part-time basis and sits as a senior judge over foreclosure cases at the Broward County Courthouse. He holds a bachelor's degree from Babson College, an MBA from Columbia Business School, and a law degree from Nova Southeastern University.



20. Trahern LaFavor, Ph.D., MST Therapist Supervisor, Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options (JAFCO) –

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior*– **Panel V**

JAFCO's mission is to care for abused and neglected children and those with developmental disabilities in the Jewish community while working in partnership with families in the entire community. JAFCO provides a full continuum of high quality services including foster care, adoption, family preservation, mentoring, independent living and developmental disability programs. The JAFCO Children's Village, consisting of an Emergency Shelter and Six Group Homes, is one of the most unique and innovative programs in the nation. The JAFCO Children's Ability Center supports families raising children with developmental disabilities by providing family enrichment, resources, and respite care all within one state-of-the-art center. JAFCO recently became officially licensed as a Foster Care and Adoption Agency in PA and our Philadelphia office is providing family preservation services to families in the Northeast Communities...giving every child a place to belong.

21. Larry Lawton, CEO, Reality Check Program –

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life* – **Panel IV**

Larry Lawton is an accomplished Author, TV Personality, Speaker, Teen/Young Adult Expert and Law Enforcement Consultant. Larry developed the nationally recognized Reality Check Program. Larry appears regularly on national TV and Radio as an expert on crime, teen issues and law enforcement community policing. He has been featured on ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, CNN, and MSNBC. Larry Lawton is the only ex-con in the United States to be sworn in as an honorary police officer and only ex-con recognized on the Floor of the United States Congress for his work with helping young people and law enforcement Agencies.

22. Attorney Jim Lewis, Law Offices of James S. Lewis –

Panelist Participant: *Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial* – **Panel II**

Jim Lewis has been one of the leading high profile defense attorney's in Fort Lauderdale for more than 20 years. He possesses a Bachelors Degree from the University of Central Florida, and attained his Juris Doctor (JD) from Stetson Law School. He has been a political candidate for the offices of: Judge, State Attorney and Attorney General. His body of work includes: James S. Lewis and Associates, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 1993-present; Adjunct Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 1990-present; Assistant Statewide Prosecutor, Florida Attorney General, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 1987-

1992; Special Prosecutor, Office of the Governor, Tallahassee, Florida, 1985-1986; Assistant State Attorney, Orlando, Florida, 1981-1985.

23. Lindsay C. Malloy, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Florida International University (FIU) –

Panelist Participant: *Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs* – Panel I

Dr. Malloy's research addresses questions concerning children's and adolescents' disclosure of negative or traumatic experiences, cognitive and socio-contextual influences on children's memory and narratives, and implications of research findings for the legal system. She has published her work in scholarly articles (e.g., in *Developmental Psychology*, *Law & Human Behavior*, *Child Development*) and in reports and chapters for non-academic professional audiences. She is also co-editor of a volume concerning children's testimony. Dr. Malloy's research has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and US Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Malloy received the Saleem Shah Award for Early Career Excellence in Psychology and Law from the American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41 of APA) and American Academy of Forensic Psychology and the Diane J. Willis Early Career Award from Division 37 of APA.

24. Judge James Martz, Juvenile Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Palm Beach County) –

Panelist Participant: *A Juvenile Judiciary Panel* – Panel III

James Martz is a judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit Court in Florida. He was appointed by former Governor Charlie Crist on Sept. 14, 2010. Judge Martz began his career in public service in 1977 as a police officer in California. He moved to New York where he continued in law enforcement. Judge Martz worked in the New York until retiring in 1992 as an administrative sergeant. During his time in police service, Judge Martz served as a patrol officer, District Attorney's investigator, firearms instructor, patrol sergeant, administrative sergeant and worked in special assignments in undercover narcotics, and as part of an anti terrorism task force in the tri state area. In 1992 Judge Martz attended Nova Southeastern University School of Law where he earned honors for his participation in national level moot court competition on the way to his Juris Doctorate degree. In 1994 Judge Martz began working in the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office where he worked until being appointed to the bench in Palm Beach County Court by Governor Jeb Bush in January of 2006. While in the State Attorney's Office Judge Martz was recognized as the single point of contact for multi jurisdictional investigations and prosecutions.



25. Ms. Paula McMahon, Writer, Sun-Sentinel Newspaper –

MODERATOR: Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial – Panel II

Paula McMahon writes about federal courts and legal issues for the Sun Sentinel. Born in Ireland, she is a graduate of Dublin City University and University College Dublin. Before joining the Sun Sentinel in 1998, she worked for the Times Herald-Record in Middletown, NY, the North Jersey Herald & News, Clifton, NJ, and the Irish Independent. Ms. McMahon covered the Lionel Tate case extensively in 2001.

26. Judge Alberto Milian, 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Miami - Dade County) –

Panelist Participant: *A Juvenile Judiciary Panel* – Panel III

Alberto Milian is a judge for the Eleventh Circuit Court in Florida. He won the primary election on August 26, 2014, and assumed office on January 6, 2015. Judge Milian earned his B.A. in public administration from Florida International University in 1983 and his J.D. degree from the Florida State University College of Law. From 1988 to 2000, Judge Milian was an assistant prosecutor for the Broward County State Attorney's Office, yielding an 80 percent conviction rate in jury trials as prosecutor of the Career Offender Unit. He has conducted over 300 jury trials, including charges of murder, robbery, burglary, and other violent crimes. Judge Milian is also a Veteran, having served in the United States Army Reserve from 1980 to 1998, participating in Operation Just Cause (Panama) and Operation Desert Storm (Persian Gulf War).

27. Detective Cesar Morales, Gang Related Issues, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) –

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life* – Panel IV

BSO's Criminal Investigations Division is the agency's central detective bureau for major crimes. Gang Related crimes, Homicides, robberies, sexual offenses and other violent crimes against persons are investigated by detectives assigned to one of three primary sections. The Broward Sheriff's Office implemented the Broward Gang Strike Force (BGSF) that is proactive to the enforcement and suppression of gang activity.



28. Tiesha Nelson, Psy. D., The Association of Black Psychologists, South Florida Chapter –

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior*– **Panel V**

The Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) was founded in San Francisco in 1968 by a number of Black Psychologists from across the country. They united to collectively address the serious problems facing Black Psychologists and the larger Black community. Guided by the principle of self determination, these psychologists set about building an institution through which they could address the long neglected needs of Black professionals. Their goal was to have a positive impact upon the mental health of the national Black community by means of planning, programs, services, training, and advocacy.

29. Attorney Ken Padowitz, Kenneth Padowitz, P.A. –

Panelist Participant: *Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial* – **Panel II**

Ken Padowitz is a former Homicide Prosecutor with the Broward County State Attorneys Office for 16 years and a practicing Trial Lawyer for 30 years. Ken was an Adjunct Professor at Nova Southeastern University Law Center for 17 years and has taught and lectured extensively in the areas of trial advocacy, scientific evidence and trial exhibits. He is a Juris Doctor graduate of Nova Southeastern University Law School in 1986, and the University of Florida in 1982, attaining a Bachelor of Arts in Education. With a 34 to 1 win/loss record in First Degree Murder Trials, 300 plus trials, hundreds of National Television appearances and law lectures, over 50 Grand Jury presentations and thousands of depositions in 30 years, Kenneth Padowitz is a prominent and well respected and acclaimed attorney in south Florida.

30. Deputy Chief Clyde Parry, Gang Related Issues, Coral Springs Police Department –

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life* – **Panel IV**

Deputy Chief Parry began his career with the Coral Springs Police Department in 1987. He served as a Patrol Officer until 1989, at which time he was transferred to Vice Intelligence and Narcotics Unit. During his tenure with the VIN Unit from 1997 until 2006, he was assigned to the Fort Lauderdale District Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration as a Task Force Officer. In late 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. As a Sergeant, he supervised Patrol as well as the Vice Intelligence and Narcotics Unit. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2010 where he supervised Patrol (Shift, Platoon One Bravo). Then in May of 2010 he was promoted to Captain of the Patrol Component. He was "Officer of the Year" in 2002 and "Supervisor of the Year" in 2007, received an Exceptional Police

Initiative Commendation in 1999, a Unit Citation in 1999, a Team Citation Award in 2009 and has received numerous letters of commendation from both public and other law enforcement agencies throughout his career. Deputy Chief Clyde Parry graduated from Columbia Southern University holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.

31. Brian Quail, CEO/President, Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County –

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior– Panel V*

Since 1965, it has been the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Our goal is to provide world-class Club experiences that assure success is within reach of every child who walks through our doors. We want all members to graduate from high school with a plan for the future; demonstrate good character and citizenship by participating in leadership training and volunteering in community service projects; and engage in sports and activities that promote a healthy lifestyle.

32. Silvia Quintana, CEO of the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, (BBHC) –

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior– Panel V*

In 2011, DCF designated the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, Inc. (BBHC) as Broward's local Managing Entity, which is responsible for the contracting, monitoring, clinical quality, and performance improvement of the DCF/State funded behavioral health services. BBHC provides a comprehensive system of care for substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders for individuals in Broward County. The mission of BBHC is to advocate and ensure an effective and efficient behavioral health system of care is available in Broward County.

33. Judge Carlos Rebollo, Juvenile Division, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County) –

Panelist Participant: *A Juvenile Judiciary Panel – Panel III*

Carlos S. Rebollo is a Juvenile Division judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court in Florida. He was appointed by former Governor Charlie Crist in November of 2007, effective Dec. 17. He was re-elected on November 2, 2010 to a six-year term that ends on January 2, 2017. Rebollo received his B.A. degree (in Political Science) from Rutgers University in 1980 and his J.D. degree from the Drake University Law School in 1984. Rebollo began his career in 1984 as a law clerk

and associate for the law firm of Summerville, Redding & Campbell in New Jersey. He then served as a law clerk to Hon. John J. Dios of the New Jersey Superior Court, Essex County from 1985 to 1986. In June of 1986, he became an Assistant Essex County Prosecutor. He moved to Florida in September of 1988 and started working as an assistant state attorney for the 17th Judicial Circuit. He held that position until August of 2007, when he started his own law firm. He was then appointed to the circuit court in November of 2007.

34. Attorney Glenn Roderman, Law Offices of Glenn R. Roderman P.A. –

Panelist Participant: *Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial* – Panel II

Mr. Roderman obtained his Juris Doctorate in Law from Stetson University in 1972, and he has been practicing law in the state of Florida since that time. Mr. Roderman was admitted to the Florida Bar and to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, in 1972. In 1975, Mr. Roderman was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Roderman started his career as an assistant state attorney, serving in the Broward County State Attorney's Office in 1973 and 1974. He later served as Associate Municipal Judge in the town of Davie, from 1974 to 1976, and then in North Lauderdale, from 1975 to 1977. Mr. Roderman started his own legal practice in the early 1980's. With over 40 years experience in the Criminal Justice System as a former Judge, State Prosecutor, and Criminal Defense Attorney, Mr. Roderman is available to other attorneys as a Mentor or a Coach on any or all of their criminal cases.

35. Judge Mavel Ruiz, 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Miami - Dade County) –

Panelist Participant: *A Juvenile Judiciary Panel* – Panel III

Judge Mavel Ruiz is a judge for the Eleventh Circuit Court in Florida. She was elected to the court in 2014 for a term beginning on January 6, 2015, and expiring on January 4, 2021. Ruiz earned her undergraduate degree from Rutgers University in 1991 and her J.D. degree from the Rutgers University School of Law in 1994. Her career spans an accomplished body of work in the following positions: 2015-2021: Judge, Florida 11th Circuit Court; 2008-2014: Attorney, Office of Regional Conflict Counsel; 2004-2008: Attorney in private practice; 1997-2004: Assistant public defender, Miami, Florida.

36. Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO, Children Services Council, Broward County –

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior*– Panel V

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer is the first President/CEO of the Children's Services Council of Broward County. In that role, she has carefully guided the development of the organization, which was created by the voters of Broward County in September, 2000, and reauthorized by the voters in 2014. She works hard to dramatically transform young lives through a focus on supporting proven programs delivered by more than 100 "provider" agencies that achieve measureable outcomes, while ensuring transparency and accountability for the CSC. Her leadership and advocacy on behalf of the children of Broward County has made a real difference for all Broward residents, and especially for Broward's children. Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of California at Irvine, a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center, and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

37. Dr. Jon A. Shaw, Professor and Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Miami –

Panelist Participant: *Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs* – Panel I

Guest Commentary: *The Cristian Fernandez Case*

Dr. Shaw's areas of clinical and research interests have focused on the psychological effects of trauma both on adults and children. He has published on the psychological effects of Hurricane Andrew on children; children exposed to war/terrorism, planning for bioterrorism, acute psychic trauma, children adolescents and trauma, trans-cultural aspects of sexual abuse; child on child sexual abuse; sexual aggression; combat stress reactions, prodromal symptoms of Bipolar Disorder, pathways to spirituality and grief and mourning. Dr. Shaw possesses the following certifications: American Board of Psych & Neuro-Child & Adolescent Psychiatry; Psychiatry (American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology).

38. Dr. Lucina Uddin, Principal Investigator, University of Miami , Department of Psychology, Brain Connectivity and Cognition Laboratory –

Panelist Participant: *Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs* – Panel I

Dr. Uddin conducts broad research in the relationship between brain connectivity and cognition in typical and atypical development. Within a cognitive neuroscience framework, Dr. Uddin's research combines functional connectivity analyses of resting-state functional magnetic resonance imaging data and structural connectivity analyses of diffusion tensor imaging data to examine the organization of large-scale brain networks supporting attention and social cognition. Her current projects focus on understanding dynamic network interactions underlying social information processing in neurodevelopmental disorders such as autism.

39. **Dr. Robin R. Vallacher, Department of Psychology, Florida Atlantic University (FAU) –**

Panelist Participant: *The State of Gang Violence in the United States and the Mental Disorders Associated/Caused by Gang Life – Panel IV*

Robin Vallacher is a foremost expert on Gangs. He is a Professor of Psychology at Florida Atlantic University, and Research Affiliate at the Center for Complex Systems, Warsaw University. He has been a Visiting Scholar at University of Bern, Switzerland, and Max-Planck- Institute for Psychological Research in Munich. Dr. Vallacher's research ranges from social cognition and self-concept to social justice and social change. His current work employs a dynamical systems framework to identify the invariant properties underlying these phenomena. Using experimentation and computer simulations, he and his colleagues are investigating the dynamic underpinnings of self-regulation, social judgment, close relations, inter-group conflict, and the emergence of personality from social interaction. Dr. Vallacher has published five books, including two with Andrzej Nowak that develop the implications of dynamical systems for social psychology.

40. **Miguel T. Villodas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Center for Children and Families, Department of Psychology, Florida International University (FIU) –**

Panelist Participant: *Why, How, When, and Where Juvenile Violence Occurs – Panel I*

Dr. Villodas directs a program of research that aims to improve the implementation and impact of evidence-based psychosocial interventions for the academic, social, and behavioral impairments associated with externalizing behavior problems among children and adolescents at-risk for abuse and neglect and youth involved in the child welfare system. Using prospective research studies, he examines the ecological risk and protective factors for externalizing behavior problems among this population at the individual, family, peer, and community levels. In addition, he evaluates clinic and school-based psychosocial intervention models that target impairments associated with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and externalizing behavior problems among children and adolescents.

41. **Director David Watkins, Broward County Public Schools, Equity and Academic Attainment –**

Panelist Participant: *Lionel Tate: A Psychological Case Study of a Landmark Trial – Panel II*

The Office of Equity & Academic Attainment is designed to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by students who struggled to find success in traditional educational environments. The specific goals are as follows: 1) Close the achievement gap between minority males and other subgroups around indicators

of early childhood readiness, academic performance, college & career readiness and graduation rates; 2) Eliminate the school-to-prison pipeline by reducing school related arrests/suspension and expulsions of minority male students; 3) Support a Three Tier Mentoring model that ensures every child will have access to a mentor; and 4) Successful transition of students into an appropriate educational placement.

42. Dr. Barbara Weinstein, CEO/President, Family Central –

Panelist Participant: *How to Prevent Juvenile Aggression and Delinquency? Solutions in Working with Children Demonstrating Delinquent and Aggressive Behavior* – Panel V

As President/CEO of Family Central, Inc., Dr. Barbara Weinstein has devoted a good majority of her years to ensuring Florida's children are given a fair start in life. Her unwavering dedication has been a ray of hope for families and children in need of educational programs, child-care programs and support systems for parents. Barbara is happily married to Chief Judge Peter Weinstein, and has two sons: Andrew and Michael. She is also the proud grandmother of three. Under Barbara's leadership, Family Central has grown from 23 employees to over 450 in the south Florida area, serving more than 135,000 children. Barbara is a true champion for children, a leader in the community, a mentor, and an inspiration to us all.

43. Chief Judge Peter Weinstein, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County) –

MODERATOR: *A Juvenile Judiciary Panel* – Panel III

Chief Judge Weinstein is in his third term as Chief Judge for the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida. He has served for more than 15 years on the judicial bench of the second-largest circuit court in the state of Florida. Chief Judge Weinstein received his Bachelor's Degree from New York University and his Juris Doctorate Degree from Brooklyn Law School. He served as a legal officer in the United States Army, as a prosecutor for Broward County, and was in private practice for many years before being appointed to the 17th Circuit bench in 1998. He also served as a Florida Senator for 14 years. Judge Weinstein is married, with two sons and three grandchildren.



44. Judge Elijah Williams, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Broward County) –

Panelist Participant: *A Juvenile Judiciary Panel* – Panel III

The Honorable Elijah H. Williams is a Circuit Court Judge, for the 17th Judicial Circuit, Broward County, Florida. On March 1, 2002, Governor Bush appointed Elijah Williams to Broward's Circuit Court. Judge Williams presided over adult felony criminal cases for a period of four (4) years. On April 3, 2006, Judge Williams assumed his current division, where he presides over juvenile delinquency cases. From 1998 to 2001, Williams worked with the Broward Sheriff's Office as an employee and managed, in an interim status, the Legal and Risk Management Departments. In that capacity, he managed a staff of twenty (20) people, to include six (6) attorneys. In October 1984, he was commissioned as a Captain in the United States Air Force and was assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate General's Department and sent to Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado. While stationed at Lowry AFB, he served primarily as the Chief of Preventive Law/Legal Assistance. In October 1986, he was reassigned to RAF Bentwaters, England. For the initial six months of the tour, he served as the Chief of Civil Law. In March of 1987, he became the Chief of Military Justice. In this position, he managed the military justice program for the largest tactical fighter wing in the USAF and served as a prosecutor at court-martials and a government representative at administrative discharge boards. Judge Williams was Born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he attended Walker Elementary School, Broward Estates Elementary School, Parkway Middle School and South Plantation High School (1972 – 1976) in Broward County, Florida. In 1976, at the age of 16, Elijah entered the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1980. Upon winning a \$26,500 graduate fellowship, he entered both the University of Florida's graduate program and law school concurrently and was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Political Science/Public Administration and a Juris Doctorate degree in August 1983.

45. Judge Angelica Zayas, 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida (Miami - Dade County) –

Panelist Participant: *A Juvenile Judiciary Panel* – Panel III

Judge Zayas earned a B.A., cum laude, from the University of Miami in 1986. She received her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Miami in 1989. Judge Zayas has been a Board Certified Criminal Appellate Lawyer since 1995. She began her legal career with the State of Florida Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General in 1989. In 1996, Judge Zayas joined the Legal Division of the Office of the State Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Judge Zayas was appointed to the Circuit Court on December 9, 2011, by Governor Rick Scott and currently serves in the Juvenile Delinquency Division. Judge Zayas has served on the Executive Council of the Criminal Law Section since 2009. She currently serves on both the Criminal Law Certification Committee and the Florida Supreme Court Mediator Qualifications Board – Southern Division, has

been an instructor at the Conference of Circuit Court Judges, is a member of the Government Lawyer Section, the Appellate Practice and Advocacy Section and is a Board Member of the Third District Court Historical Society. Judge Zayas has served on the Florida Supreme Court Criminal Court Steering Committee Subcommittee on Post Conviction Relief, assisting in the revision of Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.850 and has also served on the Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases (2003 – 2009) and the Florida Bar Criminal Procedures Rules Committee (2004 – 2009; Subcommittee Chair 2007-2008; Vice-Chair 2008-2009).



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ADOLESCENT, JUVENILE, AND YOUTH VIOLENCE

Defining Harmful Behaviors:

Youth violence refers to harmful behaviors that can start early and continue into young adulthood. The young person can be a victim, an offender, or a witness to the violence. Youth violence includes various behaviors. Some violent acts—such as bullying, slapping, or hitting— can cause more emotional harm than physical harm. Others, such as robbery and assault (with or without weapons), can lead to serious injury or even death. (1) (2) (3) (4)

More clearly defined, Youth Violence falls under the classification of Interpersonal Violence, which is "the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against another person or against a group or community that results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, mal-development, or deprivation." Research and programs addressing youth violence typically include persons between the ages of 10 and 24, although patterns of youth violence can begin in early childhood.

This definition associates intent with committing the act—no matter the outcome. In other words, intent to use force does not necessarily mean intent to cause damage. Indeed, there may be a considerable disparity between intended behavior and intended consequence. A perpetrator may commit a seemingly dangerous act that will likely result in adverse health effects, but the perpetrator may not perceive it as such. For example, a youth may get in a physical fight with another youth. The use of a fist against the head or the use of a weapon in the dispute certainly increases the risk of serious injury or death, though neither outcome may be intended.

Other aspects of violence are implied in this definition. For example, it includes all acts of violence, whether public or private, reactive (in response to previous events such as provocation), proactive (instrumental for or anticipating more self-serving outcomes), or criminal or noncriminal. Each of these aspects is important to understanding the causes of violence and in designing prevention programs. (5)

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The Impact:

Violence by young people is one of the most visible forms of violence in society. Around the world, newspapers and the broadcast media report daily on violence by gangs, in schools or by young people on the streets. The main victims and perpetrators of such violence, almost everywhere, are themselves adolescents and young adults (1). Homicide and non-fatal assaults involving young people contribute greatly to the global burden of premature death, injury and disability (1, 2).

Youth violence deeply harms not only its victims, but also their families, friends and communities. Its effects are seen not only in death, illness and disability, but also in terms of the quality of life. Violence involving young people adds greatly to the costs of health and welfare services, reduces productivity, decreases the value of property, disrupts a range of essential services and generally undermines the fabric of society.

The problem of youth violence cannot be viewed in isolation from other problem behaviours. Violent young people tend to commit a range of crimes. They also often display other problems, such as truancy and dropping out of school, substance abuse, compulsive lying, reckless driving and high rates of sexually transmitted diseases. However, not all violent youths have significant problems other than their violence and not all young people with problems are necessarily violent (3).

There are close links between youth violence and other forms of violence. Witnessing violence in the home or being physically or sexually abused, for instance, may condition children or adolescents to regard violence as an acceptable means of resolving problems (4, 5). Prolonged exposure to armed conflicts may also contribute to a general culture of terror that increases the incidence of youth violence (6–8). Understanding the factors that increase the risk of young people being the victims or perpetrators of violence is essential for developing effective policies and programmes to prevent violence.

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