

12th annual conference on Justice Involved Women

GIRLS TO WOMEN:

PATHWAYS, INTERVENTIONS AND STRATEGIES

MONDAY APRIL 18TH 2016

8am - 4:30pm

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY ANDERSON CENTER

774 SNELLING AVE. N, ST. PAUL, MN

CONFERENCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

According to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, today nearly 30 percent of juveniles arrested are girls or young women and their share of arrests, detention, and court cases has steadily increased over the past two decades.

Unfortunately their stories remain unchanged. Often girls of color and girls living in poverty, are victims of violence, including physical and sexual abuse. They are typically nonviolent and pose little or no risk to public safety. Detention data illustrates this point. In 2013, 37 percent of detained girls were held for status offenses and technical violations, compared to 25 percent of boys. And 21 percent of girls were detained for simple assault and public order offenses (excluding weapons), compared to 12 percent of boys. However, questions remain about whether these trends reflect an actual increase in girls' delinquency or changes in societal responses to girls' behavior. Beyond Bad Girls, Meda Chesney-Lind and Katherine Irwin. For these girls who pose little or no threat to the public, the juvenile justice system is often a harmful intervention, traumatizing them, and reducing their opportunities for positive development.

This conference will explore the pathways of girls involvement in the criminal justice system, and dispel myths. We will harness our collective knowledge to identify the challenges and most effective interventions; and learn about promising practices and strategies for minimizing girls and women's pathways to prison. By illuminating both the problem and potential solutions we hope to make the first step toward ending the cycle of victimization-to-imprisonment for girls. This conference is for anyone who works with women and girls. You will leave feeling inspired, empowered and ready to make a change in the lives of women and girls.

THE PRESENTERS

Meda Chesney-Lind

Meda Chesney-Lind is Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Hawaii, and is nationally recognized for her work on women and crime. Her books include *Girls, Delinquency and Juvenile Justice*, *The Female Offender: Girls, Women and Crime*, *Female Gangs in America*, *Invisible Punishment*, *Girls, Women and Crime*, and *Beyond Bad Girls: Gender Violence and Hype*. She has just finished an edited collection on trends in girls' violence, entitled *Fighting for Girls: Critical Perspectives on Gender and Violence*, published by SUNY Press.

Paula Schaefer

Paula Schaefer is a consultant for the child welfare and juvenile justice systems throughout the U.S and Canada focusing on providing meaningful female and culturally responsive trauma-informed continuum of services for girls. She presents keynote addresses and

workshops nationally on trauma-informed care and services and restorative justice. Paula is inspired by girls' indomitable spirits and resiliency, this fuels her passion and advocacy work on their behalf.

THE SPACE

Hamline University Anderson Center

774 Snelling Avenue North

Saint Paul, MN 55104

Phone: 651-523-2660

Parking available for \$1/hr. in adjacent ramp, or designated free lots around campus. Space available for prayer/meditation, nursing mothers, and is completely accessible.

THE DETAILS

Fee

\$75 Professional Rate

\$45 Student Rate

Work for trade and scholarships may be available. Please contact Karmen McQuitty, kmcquitt@umn.edu.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:00am-8:30..... Registration and Breakfast (provided)

8:30-9:00.....Welcome, Awards and Acknowledgments

9:00-10:30.....Presentation by Dr. Chesny-Lind

10:30-10:45.....Break

10:45-12:00.....Youth Panel

12:00-1:00.....Lunch (provided)

1:00-2:30.....Creative Healing and Interventions Panel

2:30-2:45.....Break with snacks (provided)

2:45-4:00.....Strategy Session with Dr. Chesney-Lind and Paula Schaefer

Please indicate dietary needs and accessibility accommodations in Eventbrite.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

The Conference Committee is seeking nominations for the following:

Esther Tomljanovich Lifetime Achievement Award

Recognizes and an individual or organization whose contributions, advocacy and vision have demonstrated a sustained commitment to improving the lives of justice involved women.

Rising Star Award

Recognizes an individual with less than 10 years in the field whose contribution, advocacy and vision improves the lives of justice involved women.

Please submit your nominations to Karmen McQuitty at kmcquitt@umn.edu by April 1, 2016. Include the name and contact information of the nominee and a description of how they demonstrate commitment and advocacy for justice involved women.

SPONSORSHIP

The Conference relies on the support of agencies and individuals to make our annual conferences a success, and keep costs low. Sponsorship dollars give professionals working with justice involved women the tools to improve their effectiveness by providing high quality training at a low cost. We strive to maintain an affordable conference fee of \$75. This covers the cost of training, materials, and meals.

\$250: Acknowledgment in printed materials

\$500: Acknowledgment in printed materials and at conference; one complimentary registration

\$750: Acknowledgment and two complimentary registrations

\$1000: Afternoon snack sponsorship, acknowledgment and four complimentary registrations.

For additional information or for any questions, please contact Karmen McQuitty, Conference Chair, at 612.624.7045 (kmcquitt@umn.edu) or Kelley Heifort, Financial Manager of the Conference Planning Committee at 651-361-7236 ([kelley.heifort@state.mn.us](mailto:kelly.heifort@state.mn.us)).

Please check your sponsorship level on the registration form and return it and your donation by April 1, 2016. You will be provided a receipt/invoice.

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