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Supporting Fathers and Families Impacted by Incarceration

Presenter Bios

Ann Adalist-Estrin, Director, National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated (NRCCFI) at Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey

Under Ann's leadership, NRCCFI has provided training and consultation to government and non-government agencies and community programs in 48 states including Sesame Street's "Little Children, Big Challenges Campaign; Connecticut's Children of Incarcerated Parents Initiative; OJJDP Youth Violence Prevention Forum Multi Discipline Trainings on Children of Incarcerated Parents and programs in Taiwan, Israel, The Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Argentina. NRCCFI is hosted by Rutgers University, where Ann also teaches in the department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice. Ann is frequently a speaker and trainer for school districts and educational organizations, nationwide. She is also a consultant to the Echoes of Incarceration video projects, a contributor to the video "Dependent Children of Incarcerated Parents: An Educational Video for Judges and Legal Professionals" recently released by the Pennsylvania Office of Children and Families in the Courts and author of The Impact of Parental Incarceration on Children in the Child Welfare System Curriculum (New Jersey Department of Children and Families, 2011) Mentoring Children of Prisoners Curriculum (CWLA, 2004) Responding to Children and Families of Prisoners: A Community Guide (FCN, 2003), and The Children of Incarcerated Parents Library on line at www.nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu. In 2013 she was honored at the White House as a "Champion of Change" for her work as an advocate for children and families of the incarcerated. Ann is also a Child and Family Therapist in Jenkintown, PA and a trainer for the Healthy Steps for Young Children Pediatric Training Program at Zero to Three (formerly at Boston University School of Medicine).

Mary Weaver, Executive Director, Friends Outside in Los Angeles County

Mary was initially exposed to the criminal justice service while performing community service for Friends Outside in 1987. She joined the organization on a part-time basis in 1988 and became the Executive Director in 1990. In addition to her duties for Friends Outside, Mary was the co-chair of the Los Angeles Regional Re-entry Partnership (LARRP) Employment Sub-committee and served on the Steering Committee of the Pasadena/Altadena Reintegration Council. She has served on several Boards of Directors (including the Friends Outside National Organization and Four "C's," a halfway house operated by the California Department of Corrections) and has presented at numerous conferences. Mary has participated in research projects and publications, including the "Released Aging Prisoners Project," in collaboration with Independence at Home, a division of SCAN Health Plan, and "Examining the Needs of Adult Family and Close Ties of Incarcerated Persons in Los Angeles," in collaboration with the University of California, Los Angeles. The latter project resulted in the publication of a book, "Black Los Angeles," for which Ms. Weaver co-authored the chapter about how black families cope with the incarceration of family members. In 2013, she co-authored the web-based training for the City of Los Angeles' WorkSource staff to increase their capacity to serve the re-entry population and wrote Friends Outside's copyrighted job readiness curriculum, "P2P." In 2012, she was named a "Fatherhood Hero"

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by the White House, Office of Public Engagement/Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Mary graduated from Indiana University in 1978 with a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature.

Tina Naidoo, MSSW, LCSW, Executive Director, Texas Offender Re-Entry Initiative (TORI)

Tina Naidoo, MSSW, LCSW, is a licensed clinical social worker serving as the Executive Director for the Texas Offenders Reentry Initiative (T.O.R.I.), a prisoner reentry program of The Potter's House Church in Dallas, Texas led by Bishop TD Jakes. T.O.R.I. has reduced the rate of recidivism by serving over 10,000 returning citizens and their families, over the past 11 years, through a 12-month intensive case management program that offers ex-offenders the opportunity for a second chance at life by providing solutions to the many barriers they face upon release. The T.O.R.I. program has a low recidivism rate of 11% through its holistic approach to six core components: Employment, Housing, Healthcare, Family Reunification, and Spiritual Guidance. On a national level, Mrs. Naidoo has been invited to present innovative ideas at Federal, State, and Community conferences and roundtable discussions revolving around prisoner reentry. In 2016, Mrs. Naidoo was invited to The White House to be recognized as a Champion of Change for Expanding Fair Chance Opportunities. Additionally, she was a recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award by the National Alliance of Faith and Justice. Mrs. Naidoo holds a Master's of Science in Social Work, and a clinical license in Social Work; she is licensed by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners.