



What's Next? Supporting Children, Youth, and Families in a Post-Abolition World

Thursday, October 12, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time)

Baker Trial Courtroom | Center for Law and Justice | 123 Washington Street | Newark, NJ 07102

and

Zoom Webinar

The symposium is about how we can transform our family regulation system. The system has been found to be racist, dysfunctional, and harmful to children and families, especially families of color, so much so that many people have called for its abolition. The symposium is intended to focus on solutions. We will begin with a panel with people with lived experience who are now working to improve the system and then will have three panels focused on how we can break down the current system and what various policies and initiatives might help to transform the system.

Co-sponsored by Rutgers Law School's Child Advocacy Clinic; Center for Gender Justice and Law (CGJL); Women's Rights Law Reporter; and Institute for Professional Education.

See pages 2-3 for the agenda and speakers; see page 4 for CLE details.

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AGENDA

9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

9:30 a.m. **FEATURED SPEAKER**

[Jane M. Spinak](#), Edward Ross Aranow Clinical Professor Emerita of Law, Columbia Law School

10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. **THE IMPACT: Voices of Youth & Parents Making a Difference**

MODERATOR: [Sarah Medina Camiscoli](#), Assistant Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School, and Youth Movement Lawyer

- Tawanna Brown, Coach and Inaugural Member, DCF Youth Council
- [Iesha Hammons](#), Parent Ally, Legal Services of New Jersey
- [Yalonda Houston](#), Supervising Attorney, Community Legal Services, Family Advocacy Unit
- Jordan Ivey, Peer to Peer Navigator and Inaugural Member, DCF Youth Council
- [April Lee](#), Director of Client Voice, Community Legal Services

11:45 a.m. **BREAK**

12:00 p.m. **TEARING DOWN THE OLD**

MODERATOR: [Anibal Rosario Lebron](#), Assistant Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School

- [Kelley Fong](#), Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of California – Irvine
- [Victor Sims](#), Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- [Phyllis Stricklan](#), Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Children's Law Center of California
- [Shanta Trivedi](#), Assistant Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law

1:15 p.m. **LUNCH**

2:00 p.m. **CREATING THE NEW: What Can We Do Now?**

MODERATOR: [Ann Freedman](#), Associate Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School

- [Kathleen Creamer](#), Managing Attorney, Family Advocacy Unit, Community Legal Services
- [Shamara Kelly](#), Founder of Black Families Love and Unite and Community Organizer, Voices of Women
- Sylvia Thomas, Chief Counsel, Family Stability and Preservation Project, Legal Services of New Jersey
- [Shereen White](#), Director of Advocacy and Policy, Children's Rights

3:15 p.m. **BREAK**

3:30 p.m. **CREATING THE NEW: What Should We Plan for The Future?**

MODERATOR: [Nancy Polikoff](#), Professor Emerita of Law, American University
Washington College of Law

- [Julia Davis](#), Director of Youth Justice and Welfare, Children's Defense Fund-NY
- [Kaysie Getty](#), Senior Program Analyst, Center for the Study of Social Policy
- [Josh Gupta-Kagan](#), Clinical Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
- [Denice Ocana](#), Youth Action Organizer, YouthNPower: Transforming Care, Children's Defense Fund-NY
- [Jey Rajaraman](#), Associate Director of Litigation, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law

4:45 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS**

5:00 p.m. **CONCLUSION**

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