# A Holistic Approach to the Urban Child's Trauma: From the Eyes of the Beholder

Fifth Annual Urban Child Symposium

April 4, 2013 8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Venable Baetjer Howard Moot Court Room John and Frances Angelos Law Center University of Baltimore 1415 Maryland Ave. Baltimore, MD 21201

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From an early age, children living in inner cities frequently confront issues involving substance abuse, guns, arson and other random violence. They witness injury, suffering and death. They respond to these events with fear and grief, and this response has a profound impact on child development. An estimated 26 percent of children in the United States experience or witness a traumatic event prior to age 4; in the juvenile justice system, as many as 9 in 10 children have experienced a traumatic event. Yet few such youths are identified as traumatized, and fewer receive appropriate treatment or placement.

The University of Baltimore School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts' fifth annual Urban Child Symposium addresses the importance of considering exposure to childhood trauma when developing more effective means to confront the problems that urban children and their families face.

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## **Conference Registration and Accommodations**

There is no charge to attend the conference, but preregistration is strongly recommended as space is limited. To register online, visit **www.ubalt.edu/urbanchild**. Contact Elizabeth Mullen at 410.837.5615 with any questions.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Wyndham Baltimore Peabody Court hotel (612 Cathedral St.), which is about a 10-minute walk from UB. To obtain the special conference rate of \$109/night (single or double), please call 410.727.7101 or visit www.wyndham.com/hotels/BWIPC.

The most current information about visitor parking at the University is available at www.ubalt.edu/parking.

## **Schedule**

### 8:30-9 a.m. Registration

A continental breakfast will be served in the lobby of the law center.

#### 9-9:15 a.m.

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Robert L. Bogomolny, President, University of Baltimore Ronald Weich, Dean, University of Baltimore School of Law Barbara Babb, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Center for Families, Children and the Courts, University of Baltimore School of Law

#### 9:15-10 a.m.

#### **Keynote Address**

Rain Pryor, Actress, Singer, Writer, Comedian and Producer

#### 10-10:15 a.m.

#### **Break**

#### 10:15-11:45 a.m.

#### Panel One: Setting the Stage

What is it like to be a child who has suffered trauma? What are the experiences and insights of professionals who work directly with children who have endured trauma? What do the parents of children who have suffered trauma go through to help their children and themselves?

Moderator: Barbara Babb

- Risa Garon, Executive Director and Co-founder, National Family Resiliency Center
- Thomas M. Scalea, Francis X. Kelly Professor of Trauma Surgery, University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Director, Program in Trauma; Physicianin-Chief. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
- Elizabeth Thompson, Assistant Vice President and Director, Family Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute

#### 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### **Lunch and Presentation: From Tragedy to Triumph**

Nancy and Anthony Green, Founders, Deanna's Lyric Foundation

#### 1-2:45 p.m.

## Panel Two: The Urban Child's Trauma and the Law: How Can the Justice System Help?

How does the juvenile justice system address child trauma? Should courts treat a child who has suffered trauma differently from the way other children or adults are treated? What are promising practices with respect to addressing childhood trauma in courts and the law?

Moderator: Odeana Neal, Associate Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law

- Anthony W. Batts, Police Commissioner, Baltimore Police Department
- Yvette M. Bryant, Associate Judge, Baltimore City Circuit Court; Judge-in-Charge, Family Division
- Melanie D. Shapiro, Chief Attorney, Juvenile Court Division, Maryland Office of Public Defender

#### 2:45-3 p.m.

#### **Break**

#### 3-4:40 p.m.

## Panel Three: The Urban Child's Trauma and the Law: How Can Society Help?

How does the community, including faith-based institutions and civic organizations, address child trauma? What are promising treatment options and other health-based approaches for meeting the needs of children who have experienced trauma? What can schools do to help identify and address the needs of children struggling with trauma?

Moderator: Gloria Danziger, Senior Fellow, Center for Families, Children and the Courts, University of Baltimore School of Law

- Nicole Harris-Crest, 3L, University of Baltimore School of Law
- Rhonda Lipkin, Independent Verification Agent on the L.J. v. Dallas Case
- Lori Mostofsky, Social Worker, Psychiatry Unit, Johns Hopkins Children's Center
- Karen Webber-Ndour, Executive Director of Student Support Services, Baltimore City Public Schools

#### 4:40-4:45 p.m

#### **Closing Remarks, Collection of Evaluations and Thanks**

Barbara Babb