

The Beginning or the End? The Urban Child's Experience in the Juvenile Justice System

April 12, 2012
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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Few systems have a greater impact on the lives of children and on society than does the juvenile justice system. Urban youth enter this system during an extremely vulnerable time in their lives, when their still-developing brains and the personality characteristics common to adolescents expose them to unique risks. The stakes are high.


The University of Baltimore School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts' Fourth Annual Urban Child Symposium will address the importance of balancing public safety with the unique needs of urban children in the juvenile justice system and will also explore how society should address those needs in its approach to juvenile criminal behavior.

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Schedule

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 <http://law.ubalt.edu/urbanchild>. Contact Sharon Curley 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), visit <http://law.ubalt.edu/urbanchild> and click on "Registration and Accommodations." For more information about the Wyndham Baltimore Peabody Court, 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.

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

F. Michael Higginbotham, Interim 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.

Overview: The Juvenile Justice System

Bernardine Dohrn, Clinical Associate Professor of Law and Immediate Past Director/Founder, Children and Family Justice Center, Northwestern University Law School

10-10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15-11:45 a.m.

Panel One: The Juvenile and His/Her Needs

Moderator: Barbara Babb

- Dana Shoenberg, Deputy Director, Center for Children's Law and Policy
- Odeana Neal, Associate Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law
- Gregg Bernstein, Baltimore City State's Attorney
- Gloria Reeves, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine

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

Lunch

Lunch will be served in the lobby of the law center.

1-2:45 p.m.

Panel Two: Courts and the Juvenile Justice Process

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

- Sam J. Abed, Secretary, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
- David Young, Judge, Circuit Court for Baltimore City
- Nick Moroney, Director, Maryland Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit
- Patricia Puritz, Executive Director, National Juvenile Defender Center
- George Simms III, Assistant State's Attorney, Montgomery County

2:45-3 p.m.

Break

3-4:30 p.m.

Panel Three: Promising Practices in Juvenile Justice

Moderator: Odeana Neal

- Bart Lubow, Director of Programs for High Risk Youth, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Kimberly Armstrong, Parent Advocate and President, Diamond Development
- Neelum Arya, Research and Policy Director, Campaign for Youth Justice
- Timothy R. Fowles, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Delaware

4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks, Collection of Evaluations and Thanks

Barbara Babb

