

A Prioritized Plan to Implement a Developmental Approach in Juvenile Justice Reform

Committee

Richard J. Bonnie

Chair

Richard J. Bonnie is the Harrison Foundation professor of medicine and law, professor of psychiatry and neurobehavioral sciences, professor of public policy, and director, Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy at the University of Virginia. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 1991. He teaches and writes about criminal law, bioethics, and public policies relating to mental health, substance abuse, aging, and public health. He was associate director of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse (1971-1973), secretary of the first National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse (1975-1985), and chief advisor for the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards Project (1981-1988). He currently chairs a Commission on Mental Health Law Reform at the request of the chief justice of Virginia. He has also served on the MacArthur Foundation's Research Network on Mental Health and the Law and a successor Network on Mandated Community Treatment and is currently participating in the foundation's Project on Law and Neuroscience. He received the Yarmolinsky Medal in 2002 for his contributions to the IOM and the National Academies. In 2007, Bonnie received the University of Virginia's highest honor, the Thomas Jefferson Award. He has a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and an LL.B. from the University of Virginia, School of Law.

Sam J. Abed

Member

Sam Abed is the Secretary of Maryland's Department of Juvenile Services. Previously he served as Deputy Director of Operations at the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, with direct supervision over the juvenile justice operations, including the supervision of 6 juvenile correctional facilities and 32 court service units statewide. Prior to his time as the Deputy Director of Operations, Mr. Abed served as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the Office of the Sussex County Commonwealth's Attorney as well as the Office of the City of Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney. He also served as Commissioner for the Virginia Commission for National and Community Service. Mr. Abed received a Bachelors of Science in Psychology from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and completed an internship at the American University in Cairo, Arabic Language Institute. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Richmond School of Law.

Grace Bauer

Member

Grace Bauer is the Executive Director of Justice For Families, a national alliance of local organizations founded and run by parents and families who have experienced “the system” directly with their own children and who are taking the lead to help build a family-driven and trauma-informed youth justice system. Previously, Grace helped organize parents to form the Lake Charles chapter of Families and Friends of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children (FFLIC). Rapidly recruiting and training new members and increasing FFLIC’s visibility and influence, the chapter became an integral part of the passage of the Louisiana Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2003, and the closing of the infamous Tallulah juvenile prison. Grace later joined the Campaign for Youth Justice in 2008 where she united parents and allies of children in six targeted states to change laws and practices prosecuting and confining children as adults. Grace also led the development of the National Parent Caucus, a national network of family members seeking to end the practice of trying, sentencing and incarcerating children as adults.

Kevin J. Bethel

Member

Kevin J. Bethel is presently in charge of Patrol Operations for Philadelphia Police Department. As part of his duties, he oversees both the patrol and detective units for the entire City of Philadelphia. Since completion of the Police Academy in 1986, his assignments have included: Police Officer-6th District; Sergeant-17th District; Sgt-Special Investigative Bureau, Narcotics Strike Force; Sergeant-Special Investigative Bureau, Narcotics Field Unit, North Central section; Lieutenant-18th District; Lieutenant-Internal Affairs Division and Lieutenant-Narcotics Intelligence Investigative Unit. Prior to his appointment to the position of Deputy Commissioner, he served as the Commanding Officer (Captain) of the 17th Police District from December 19, 2005 until May 2008. He also serves on the Advisory Board to the International Association of Chiefs of Police and MacArthur Foundation’s initiative “Law Enforcement’s Leadership Role in the Advancement of Promising Practices in Juvenile Justice”. Deputy Commissioner Bethel holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Chestnut Hill College, and a Master’s degree in Public Safety from St. Joseph’s University.

Sandra H. Graham

Member

Sandra A. Graham is a professor of Psychological Studies in Education and Chair of the Department of Education at University of California, Los Angeles. She also received her degree in Education at UCLA. Dr. Graham's teaching interests include achievement motivation, attribution theory, motivation in minority groups, social development, adolescent development, risk and resiliency. Her research interests are in the areas of cognitive approaches to motivation, the development of attributional processes, motivation in African Americans, peer-directed aggression and victimization. She is extensively published in these areas of expertise. Dr. Graham is currently the Principal Investigator on grants from the National Science Foundation, and the W. T. Grant Foundation. She also is the recipient of an Independent Scientist Award, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. She is a former recipient of the Early Contribution Award from Division 15 (Educational Psychology) of the American Psychological Association and a former Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California. Among her professional activities, Dr. Graham is an Associate Editor of Developmental Psychology, a member of the National Research Council Panel on Adolescent Health, and a member of the MacArthur Foundation Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice.

Maxwell Griffin, Jr.

Member

Maxwell Griffin, Jr. was appointed Associate Judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2003. He currently serves in the Child Protection Division of the Cook County Juvenile Court. Judge Griffin joined the bench after a 22-year career as an attorney, during which he was recognized by his peers in 2003 as one of the Top 20 Tort Defense Lawyers in Chicago in the Chicago Lawyer Magazine. He served as Assistant State's Attorney in the Civil Actions Bureau as well as a plaintiff's personal injury lawyer. Judge Griffin is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and a board member for the Illinois Judicial Association (IJA). He serves as co-lead judge for the Chicago Model Juvenile Court. He is an adjunct faculty member at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law and is a member of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts' education faculty. He is the author of a chapter on medical and mental rights of minors in the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education's Juvenile Law Handbook. Judge Griffin is a 1980 graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Patricia Lee

Member

Patricia Lee has served as a deputy public defender in San Francisco since 1978 and has practiced in the juvenile courts since 1981. She is currently the managing attorney of the San Francisco Public Defender's juvenile office, and co-director of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, which seeks to improve the quality of representation provided by juvenile-delinquency attorneys. She served as a technical advisor to the American Bar Association Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Due Process Advocacy Program, a national program, which seeks to increase children's access to quality counsel in juvenile delinquency proceedings. Lee also established the country's first advocacy program for girls who have been victims of exploitation. She is a member of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice, and a member of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee of the Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children and the Courts. A native San Franciscan, Lee received an undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from Lincoln University School of Law.

Edward P. Mulvey

Member

Edward P. Mulvey is professor of psychiatry and director of the Law and Psychiatry Program at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. His research has focused on issues related to how clinicians make judgments regarding the type of risk posed by adult mental patients and the development and treatment of serious juvenile offenders. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society, a recipient of a faculty scholar's award from the William T. Grant Foundation, a member of two MacArthur Foundation Research Networks (one on mental health and the law and another on adolescent development and juvenile justice), and a member of the Steering Committee of the National Consortium on Violence Research. He currently serves on the Science Advisory Board of the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice. He has a Ph.D. in community/clinical psychology from the University of Virginia. He also did postdoctoral training in quantitative methods in criminal justice at Carnegie Mellon University.

Alex R. Piquero

Member

Alex R. Piquero is Ashbel Smith Professor in the Program in Criminology in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, Faculty Affiliate Center for Violence and Injury Prevention at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, and Adjunct Professor Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice, and Governance, Griffith University. He has published over two-hundred and fifty peer-reviewed articles in the areas of criminal careers, criminological theory, and quantitative research methods, and has collaborated on several books including *Key Issues in Criminal Careers Research: New Analyses from the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development* (Cambridge University Press, co-authored with David P. Farrington and Alfred Blumstein) and *Handbook of Quantitative Criminology* (Springer, co-edited by David Weisburd). In addition to his membership on over a dozen editorial boards of journals in criminology and sociology, he has also served as Executive Counselor with the American Society of Criminology, Member of the National Academy of Sciences Panel Evaluating the National Institute of Justice, Member of the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network at Ohio State University, and Member of the MacArthur Foundation's Research Network on Adolescent Development & Juvenile Justice. Professor Piquero is Fellow of both the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Vincent Schiraldi

Member

Vincent Schiraldi was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department of Probation in February 2010, bringing 30 years of experience working with troubled youth and juvenile justice systems to New York City. Prior to that, Schiraldi served as Washington, DC's first-ever Director of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, where he launched major reforms. He has served as an advisor on the Washington, DC Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform; a member of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Inmate Population Management; an advisor to the California Commission on the Status of African American Men; and the first chair of the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission. Mr. Schiraldi has also published numerous papers and articles, and has spoken before a variety of academic and governmental audiences. He received his Masters in Social Work from New York University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Psychology from Binghamton University in Binghamton, NY.

Cherie Townsend

Member

Cherie Townsend currently works as an independent consultant and executive coach for individuals and organizations. She has nearly 40 years experience working in the public sector as a juvenile justice practitioner and leader. Ms. Townsend served as the executive director of the Texas Department of Juvenile Justice as well as the Texas Youth Commission. Townsend is recognized for successfully leading staff in these agencies in a reform effort with dramatically improved outcomes while also closing six secure facilities and eliminating 2000 staff positions. The reform effort resulted in facilities receiving ACA accreditation and participating in PbS data collection to target continuous improvement, engagement of families, expanded specialized treatment and an investment in prevention and re-entry services. Previously, she served as director of juvenile justice services in Clark County, Nevada (Las Vegas) which was a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative replication site and as director of juvenile court services in Maricopa County, Arizona (Phoenix). She is the 2012 recipient of the George M. Keiser Award for Exceptional Leadership. Her leadership and work has been recognized by several organizations, including the Texas Corrections Association, the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, the National Juvenile Court Services Association, and the National Association of Probation Executives. She continues to serve as a member of the Suicide Prevention Resource Center Steering Committee and was recently named to the National Re-entry Resource Center Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. She has an M.P.A. from Southern Methodist University and an M.B.A. from the University of Texas.

John A. Tuell

Member

John A. Tuell is the executive director of the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice at the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Prior to this appointment he served as the Director of the MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Initiative at the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. From 2009 to 2013 Mr. Tuell served as the President of Tuell and Associates Consultation, LLC which provided expert consultation and technical assistance in juvenile justice, child welfare and multi-system reform and quality improvements. He has authored or contributed to numerous publications and issue briefs supporting the Child Welfare-Juvenile Justice Systems Integration Initiative and addressing other issues relevant to the juvenile justice system. He served in the U.S. Department of Justice as Deputy Director of the State Relations and Assistance Division in OJJDP. He provided managerial oversight to grant management staff overseeing six grant programs; the Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Chronic, and Violent Offenders Initiative; and for the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program. From 1979 to 1997 he worked in the Fairfax County, Virginia, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court as a probation officer, field office probation supervisor, and intake officer and as an administrator at a residential treatment facility for serious and chronic juvenile offenders. He earned his Bachelor of Social Work degree from James Madison University and his MA in Criminal Justice from George Washington University.