

**AJFO Conference Agenda  
Saturday, October 10 – Wednesday, October 14  
Jackson, MS – Marriott Hotel**

**Conference Speaker Agenda**

**Speakers/Presenters**

Commissioner Christopher B. Epps  
Mary Leftridge Byrd  
Dr. Stephanie Covington  
Marian Wright Edelman  
W. Wesley Johnson

**Tracks**

Adult Corrections  
Community Corrections  
Juvenile Services  
Jails  
Medical

**Target Audience**

**Prison Population, Jail/Detention Facilities, Leadership – Top Administrators to Line Staff, Probation/Parole, Community Based Organizations, Social Workers, Police, Juvenile Facilities, Mental Health Facilities, Teachers/Alternative Schools, Concerned Citizens, Faith Based Leadership.**

**Vision/Mission**

**Individuals and communities will come together to collaborate across borders to resolve challenges. We are inspired by a sense of shared interest in populations we serve. We are strengthened by individuals empowered with skills and knowledge. We are sustained through networking and open communication.  
We are Harmony Beyond Boundaries.**

**Intensive Sessions**  
**Saturday, October 10, 2009**

**8:00 am- 4:30pm**     **Girls Circle Facilitator Training**  
**2- Full Day Workshops: Saturday & Sunday Intensive Session**

*Register through Girls Circle Association at: <http://girlscircle.com/TrainingList.aspx>*

Giovanna Taormina, Executive Director

Kitty Tyrol, Senior Training Manager

Location: Canterbury

**8:30 am – 5:00 pm**     **Registration– Main Corridor/ Lobby**

**9:00 am – 12: 00 pm**     **Session I**

**Prison Rape Elimination Act.**

MHM Correctional Services

Sharen Barboza, Ph.D., Vienna, VA

Maria Masotta, Psy.D., Framingham, MA

Judith Willison, LICSW, Braintree, MA

Location: Churchill (I & II)

**Session II**

**Yes They Can: Smoking Cessation for Incarcerated Women.**

Karen Cropsey, Psy.D., Birmingham, AL

Gloria Eldridge, PhD., Anchorage, AK

Location: Winston

**Session III**

**Mindfulness Interventions with Adolescent Females:  
Dialectical Behavior Therapy in the Girls Unit of a  
Training School.**

Stephen Southern, ED.D. Professor & Chair, Dept. of

Psychology, Mississippi College; Clinical Director

Rehabilitative Services, Oakley Training School

Location: Surrency

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm     **Lunch - On Your Own**

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm     **Session IV**

**Why Try? Innovative interventions that provide hope  
And motivate youth to overcome poverty, violence and failure.**

Carissa Phelps, J.D., M.B.A.

Location: Churchill

**Session V**

**Addressing the Whole Girl: “A Gender Responsive  
Approach”.**

OJJDP Technical Assistance Workshop

Marian Daniel, Program Manager, Baltimore, MD

Location: Winston

## Sunday, October 11, 2009

- 8:00 am – 4:30 pm** **Girls Circle Facilitator Training (Day 2)**  
Location: Canterbury
- 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration – Main Corridor/Lobby
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Session I**  
**Are they Safe? A Gender-Informed Approach to Managing the Safety of Women.**  
NIC Technical Assistance  
Evelyn Bush, Correctional Program Specialist  
Susan Poole, BA, Criminal Justice Consultant  
Kimberly Sokoloff, Program Manager, Center for Best Practices, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Weathersfield, CT  
Annie Harvey, Warden, North Carolina Dept. of Corrections  
Location: Churchill
- Session II**  
**The CORE Gender Responsive Behavior Motivation Approach: Creating a Safe and Empowering Client Management Approach in Your Program/Facility.**  
Alyssa Benedict, MPH, Ellington, CT  
Location: Winston
- 12:00 am – 1:30 pm **Lunch – On Your Own**
- 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Session III**  
**Rethinking Evidence-Based Practice for Women and Girls.**  
Barbara Bloom, Ph.D., Rohnert Park, CA  
Stephanie Covington, Ph.D., LCSW, LaJolla, CA  
Location: Churchill
- Session IV**  
**Evaluating Adolescent Female Fire Setting: “Returning Cinderella Home or Not”.**  
Robert Stadolnik, Ed.D., Medway, MA  
Location: Winston
- 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Hospitality Room: National and State Steering Committee**  
Location: Marriott Hotel 15<sup>th</sup> Floor
- TBA **Windsor Ballroom: Gospel Music Extravaganza**  
**Sponsored by a local Non-Profit**

## Monday, October 12, 2009

- 8:30 am – 5:00 pm **Registration** : Main Corridor/Lobby  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm **Silent Auction**: Canterbury  
**Sign Up for Tours**: Registration Table  
**Vendor Exhibit**: Mezzanine Area
- 8:00 am – 9:30 am **Opening Session (Windsor Ballroom)**  
National Anthem  
Presenting of Colors  
Welcome  
Introductions  
**Speakers**: Commissioner Christopher Epps, MDOC  
Brenda Shell, APFO President  
Additional Distinguished Speakers
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am **Musical Selection**
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am **Keynote Speaker**: Mary Leftridge Byrd, Federal Security Director  
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)  
**Topic: Raising Our Voices, Upping the Ante**
- 11:30 am – 1:30 pm **Lunch – On Your Own**  
Vendors: Mezzanine  
Silent Auction: Canterbury
- 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Afternoon Break – Out Sessions**
- Adult Institutions: **Session I**  
**What we know about female offenders and what we are doing to reduce the incarceration rate?**  
Deborah Boyer, Administrator  
Laura Pitman, Ph.D., Deputy Director  
Melanie Spector, LPC, LADC  
Oklahoma Department of Corrections  
Location: Winston
- Adult Institutions: **Session II**  
**Waving the Magic Wand. Finding resources for female offenders during tough times.**  
Judy Anderson, Warden, South Carolina Dept. of Corrections  
Dr. Joann Brown Morton, South Carolina  
Location: Oxford

- Community Corrections: **Session III**  
**Working with Female Offenders: Designing/Implementing a Gender-Responsive Community Corrections Facility.**  
 Gregory V. Smith, Executive Director, Transitional Living Center, Inc. Williamsport, PA  
 Location: Newburg
- Juvenile Services: **Session IV**  
**Listening to young Women’s Voices: Female youth’s perspective on their custody experience.**  
 Annie Smith, Exec. Director, McCreary Center Society Vancouver, Canada  
 Location: Briarwood
- Juvenile Services: **Session V**  
**Girls Matter: Pathways into the System.**  
 Dr. Lawanda Ravoira, Director  
 NCCD Center for Girls and Young Women, Jacksonville, FL  
 Location: Churchill II
- Jails/other: **Session VI**  
**The CARE 2 Assessment: Risk and Needs Assessment for Females (Attachment, Violence & Assessment).**  
 Kathryn Seifert, PhD. Psychologist, Author, Salisbury, MD  
 Location: Surrey I & II
- Jail: **Session VII**  
**Discharge Planning- Re-entry Coordination for Inmate Patients Receiving Psychiatric Services.**  
**Nazim Hamid, Ph.D., Medical Discharge Planner, Armor Correctional Health Services, Tampa, Florida**  
**Rosemary Jackson, MD,MPH , Medical Director, Broward County Jails, Florida**  
 Location: Surrey II
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Break**
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Break – Out Sessions**
- Judicial: **Session I**  
**Legal Issues Impacting Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders: Shared Perspectives.**  
 Myrna Raeder, Prof., Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA  
 Women Judges Forum  
 Location: Churchill I

- Adult Institution: **Session II**  
**Let's Do a Study: Conducting Safe and Ethical Research in Correctional Settings.**  
 Dr. Gloria Eldridge, University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK  
 Karen Cropsey, Psy.D. , Birmingham, AL  
 Lora Cole, Deputy Commissioner of Community Corrections, MS  
 Location: Winston
- Community Corrections: **Session III**  
**Community Based, Gender Responsive Reentry Program- Emerging Ideas Beyond Best Practices- Cultivating Resilience.**  
 Lorraine Robinson, LCSW, ACSW, Honolulu, HI  
 Location: Churchill II
- Juvenile Services: **Session IV**  
**Sugar and Spice but Not So Nice: Female Adolescent Issues. FTC Prevention Services**  
 Sharon Sims, Consultant, Richland, MS  
 Location: Oxford
- Juvenile Services: **Session V**  
**Girls Circle-Promoting Resiliency in Adolescent Girls**  
 Giovanna Taormina, Executive Director  
 Kitty Tyrol, Senior Training Manager  
 Girls Circle Association, Cotati, CA  
 Location: Surrey
- Medical: **Session VI**  
**Intimate Partner Violence: Beginning a Healing Journey.**  
 Eileen Russo, Dir. of Trauma Services, New Haven, CT  
 Marijane Carey, Consultant, Carey Consulting, Hamden, CT  
 Location: Newburg
- Institutions: **Session VII**  
**Genesis Process: Relapse Prevention: A workbook for compulsive addictive behaviors. Used in the Total Life Program in Hawaii Women's Correctional Center.**  
 Patricia Fancher Ph.D., LMFT, Loveland, Colorado  
 Bonnie Holcombe, Chaplin, Hawaii  
 Location: Briarwood
- 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm **MISSISSIPPI WELCOME NIGHT**  
**Barbecue, Blue Jeans, & Blues**  
 Location: Mississippi Agriculture Museum- Heritage Building  
 Music: Eden Brent. Blues Singer and Recording Artist from Greenville, Mississippi  
 Dixieland Jazz Band with Ron Welch  
**\*FOOD & FUN: CASH BAR & DOOR PRIZES\***

## Tuesday, October 13, 2009

- 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration – Main Corridor/Lobby
- 7:30 am – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Silent Auction: Canterbury  
Vendor Exhibit: Mezzanine Area
- 8:30 am – 11:30 am Facility Tours (Sign up with limited seating)
- 8:15 am – 8:30 am Opening Session: Windsor Grand Ballroom  
Music Selection
- 8:00 am – 9:30 am Announcements  
Introduction of Head Table  
  
Introduction of Keynote Speaker
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am **Speaker: Stephanie Covington, Ph.D., LCSW**  
Co-Director, center for Gender and Justice, La Jolla, CA  
Topic: **Services for Women and Girls: Are we giving them our Best?**
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Morning Break-Out Sessions**
- Adult Institutions: **Session I**  
**Women Incarcerated Offenders, Dual diagnosis, Therapeutic Community Using the Therapeutic Community Model of Treatment. Integrating Community mental health services with substance abuse treatment services.**  
Annie Benion, ACSW, LMSW, CAAC, RSAT Project Administrator, Michigan Dept. of Corr., Ypsilanti, MI  
Kathleen Tayeh, LMSW, CAAC, Dual diagnosis RSAT Counselor, Michigan Dept. of Corr., Ypsilanti, MI  
Location: Surrey
- Community Corrections: **Session II**  
**Modeling Resiliency: Using Survivors of Trauma as Inspirations and Mentors to High Risk Women and Girls.**  
Dr. Thomas Panko, Dept of Criminal Justice, University Of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS  
Shan' Terrica Barnes, Victim Services Coordinator, Hattiesburg, MS  
Location: Oxford

- Community Corrections: **Session III**  
**The Truth About Domestic Violence**  
Robyn Causey, Professor, LMSW, New York, New York  
Arlene Solomon, Consultant, Brooklyn, New York  
Location: Newburg
- Juvenile Services: **Session IV**  
**A harmonious collaboration with the State Florida Dept Of Juvenile Justice & Juvenile Justice Commitment Program that utilizes the ACE research, trauma informed and innovative practices.**  
Dr. Shairi Turner, MD, Chief Medical Director, Florida Dept. Of Juvenile Justice  
Lynn Smithwick, Program Director, The Dove Academy, Graceville, FL  
Dawn Merritt, RN, Medical Director, The Dove Academy, Graceville, FL  
Location: Churchill I
- Jail: **Session V**  
**M.O.M.S.; Maximizing Opportunities for Mothers to Succeed Program: A gender specific program for incarcerated women. Santa Rita Jail, Dublin, CA**  
Alyce Ford-Gilbert, M.S., AET, Program Coordinator  
Sergeant Valerie S. Jones, Director of the M.O.M.S program  
Missy Doeschot, Case Manager  
Location: Churchill II
- Jail: **Session VI**  
**Using Day Reporting Centers to Divert Pretrial Offenders and Control Jail Populations.**  
Mark Foxall, Ph.D.,MPA,CJM, Director, Douglas County Corrections, Omaha, Nebraska  
Location: Briarwood
- Medical: **Session VII**  
**HIV/AIDS: Peer Education for Incarcerated Women (Empowering the Yard).**  
Dr. Melanie Spector, LPC, LADC, Oklahoma DOC  
Debbie Boyer, Administrator, Oklahoma Dept. of Corr.  
Tulsa, OK  
Location: Winston
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch – On Your Own**

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm     **Afternoon Break - Out Sessions**

Adult Institutions:     **Session I**  
**A National Look at Prison Nurseries and Community-Based Alternatives.**

Chandra Villanueva, Policy Associate. Women's Prison Assoc.  
New York, NY

Melissa Radcliff, Exec. Director, Our Children's Place, Chapel Hill, NC

Brenda Lovelady Spahn, Lovelady Center, Birmingham, AL  
Barbara "Bobby" Blanchard, Esq., Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Bedford Hills, NY

Location: Churchill II

Community Corrections:     **Session II**  
**Part I: Gender Responsive Principles and Evidence Based Practices: Harmony and Melody Working in Concert.**

Marilyn Van Dieten, PhD, Orbis Partners, Inc., Toronto, ON  
Erica King, MSW, Policy Associate, Univ. of Southern Maine, Portland, Maine

Alyssa Benedict, MPH, Pres/CEO, CORE Associates, LLC, Ellington, CT

Jeanna Gomez, LCSW, LADAC, CPC, Pres/CEO, Gomez Counseling and Counseling Services, Houston, TX

Location: Churchill I

Community Corrections:     **Session III**  
**The world is no longer a safe place. The relationship between trauma and substance abuse.**

Laura Shipman-Hamblin, Program Director, Betty K. Marler Center/Rite of Passage, Denver, CO

Bonnie Cady, Client Manager/Parole Officer, Colorado Division of Youth Corrections, Denver, CO

Location: Newburg

Juvenile Services:     **Session IV**  
**Voices: A Program of Self-Discovery and Empowerment for Girls.**

Candice Norcott, PhD, Postdoctoral Associate, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Location: Winston

- Juvenile Services: **Session V**  
**YouthBuild**  
Tim O’Daniel, YouthBuild USA  
Location: Oxford
- Jails: **Session VI**  
**Breaking Cycles: Rebuilding Lives**  
Gender analysis of Santa Clara County jail system, focus on Programs and services  
Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, Director  
Buu Thai, Grants Coordinator/Policy Analyst  
Office of Women’s Policy, Santa Jose, CA  
Location: Surrey
- Medical: **Session VII**  
**The risk of providing clinical services to incarcerated women and suggestions for clinician self-care.**  
Bree E. Derrick, MA, CAGS, behavioral Health Clinician,  
RI Department of Corrections, Cranston, RI  
Location: Briarwood
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Break**
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Afternoon Break-Out Sessions**
- Adult Corrections: **Session I**  
**Should Prisons be Relational: An Impact Evaluation of a Minimum Security Prison for Female Offenders.**  
Mary Ellen Mastrolli, PhD, Associate Professor, Boston State University, Boston, MA  
Location: Newburg
- Adult Corrections: **Session II**  
**Linking Gender specific Programs to Evidence Based Practice to create a substance abuse treatment program in Oklahoma prisons.**  
Dr. Melanie Spector, LPC, LADC  
Debra Boyer, Oklahoma Dept. of Corrections  
Location: Surrey
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Location: Churchill I

Community  
Corrections: **Session IV**  
**Help Me! I'm Trying to Stay at Home: Including Family in the Reunification Process.**  
Doris I. Mangrum, Owner, Saidiana Productions, Antioch, CA  
Location: Winston

Juvenile **Session V**  
**Girls' Advocacy in South Carolina, and the Three R's: Renewal, Reconstruction, and Redemption.**  
Susan Alford, Director of The Girls center, Clemson University  
Jerry Adger, Deputy Director for Rehabilitative Services, SC Dept Of Juvenile Justice, Columbia, SC  
Velvet McGowan, Facility Administrator, SC Dept of Juv. Justice  
Location: Churchill II

Medical: **Session VI**  
**Cardiovascular Disease in Women.**  
Tom Lehman, Wexford Health  
Location: Briarwood

**Magnolia Banquet 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.**  
**Power of One Award Recipient**  
Dr. Joann Brown Morton, Retired APFO President

**Guest Speaker**  
**Marian Wright Edelman**  
Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund  
**The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small: Charting a Course For the Next Generation**

**Music:**  
**Wesley Bells – Meridian, Mississippi**  
**Freedom School Singers –Metcalf, Mississippi**

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7:00 am – 10:00 am Registration - Main Corridor/Lobby  
(credits, extra payments, educational hrs, etc.)

7:00 am – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:30 am **Morning Break-Out Sessions**

Adult Corrections: **Session I**  
**Same Sex Relationships among Adult Female Offenders.**  
Kelly Cheeseman Dial, PhD, Assistant Professor, The University  
of Southern Mississippi  
Location: Newburg

Adult Corrections: **Session II**  
**Beyond Isolated Confinement: Rethinking Mental Health  
in Segregation.**  
Theresa Dronet, PhD, Associate Director, Mental Health Programs  
Wexford Health Sources  
Connie Fuller LCSW, Program Manager, Wexford Health  
Sources, Central Mississippi Correctional Facility, Pearl, MS  
Location: Winston I

Community  
Corrections: **Session III**  
**How do females fare in community corrections risk reduction  
initiative?**  
Delores E. Craig-Moreland, Associate Professor, Wichita State  
University, Wichita, KS  
Location: Winston II

Community  
Corrections: **Session IV**  
**Let's Straighten it Out-Conflict Resolution**  
Sheba L. Borden, MS, LCMHT, LCAC  
Alcohol Services Center, Inc. Jackson, MS  
Location: Manchester

Juvenile Services: **Session V**  
**What would you do? Addressing the changing needs of  
Adolescent females in the Juvenile System.**  
Nanon Talley, Program Manager, State of Utah, Juvenile Justice  
Services, Salt Lake City, UT  
Noela Karza, Assistant Program Director, State of Utah Juvenile  
Services, Provo, UT  
Location: Surrey I

Medical: **Session VI**  
**Making a difference behind bars: HIV Interventions that  
work.**  
Marilyn Moering Watkins, PhD, MPH, CHES, Building Bridges,  
Inc.  
Location: Canterbury

**Session VII**

**Institutions:**

**HOE AMAU: A Journey of Change. Part 1**

Warden Mark Patterson, Women's Community Correctional Center, Kailua, Hawaii

Location: Surrey II

9:30 am – 12:00 pm Closing Ceremony/ Ballroom

9:30 am – 10:15 am **Diane Williams, Author /Performer**

10:15 am – 11:15 am W. Wesley Johnson, PhD, Doctoral Program Director  
Administration of Justice, University of Southern Mississippi  
**The Criminalization of Mental Illness**  
**Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System**

11:45 am – 12:00 pm Conclusion  
Passing of Banner  
Final Remarks- Commissioner Christopher Epps

Check- Out

Transportation to airport

**Agenda is subject to change. Each presentation space is limited to room occupancy.  
Thank you for your participation in the 2009 AJFO Conference.**