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ON SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS:
KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL AND OUT OF COURT**

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Judith S. Kaye, former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chair of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children, convened the *New York City Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids In School and Out of Court* with the encouragement and assistance from a diverse group of partners and supporters.

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Agenda at a Glance

Friday, October 18, 2013

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:30 a.m. **WELCOMING REMARKS**

LISA GRUMET, Associate Director, Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families, New York Law School

HON. JUDITH S. KAYE, Former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chair of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children

COMMISSIONER RONALD E. RICHTER, New York City's Administration for Children's Services

HON. CYRUS VANCE JR., New York County District Attorney

BENIA DARIUS, Youth Leader

10:00 a.m. **SETTING THE STAGE: Unintended Consequences of School-Justice Practices**

10:45 a.m. **PLENARY 1: New York City School-Justice Partnership Task Force: Report and Recommendations**

11:00 a.m. **PLENARY 2: School Climate: Innovative Approaches for School-wide Change**

12:30 p.m. **Box Lunch**

1:15 p.m. **PLENARY 3: Best Practices for School Safety and Student Interaction**

2:00 p.m. **PLENARY 4: Educational Engagement for Re-entry and Court-involved Youth**

2:45 p.m. **Break to Breakouts**

3:00 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

School Climate: Measuring School Climate and Community Schools in Action

School Climate: Therapeutic Crisis Intervention and Restorative Justice in Action

Best Practices for School Safety and Student Interaction

Facilitated Discussion on Steps to Improve Student Educational Re-engagement and Re-entry



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Speakers

MICHAEL THOMPSON, Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

HON. MICHAEL CORRIERO, Executive Director and Founder, New York Center for Juvenile Justice, The New York Foundling Fontana Center for Child Protection; Retired Justice, Supreme Court Criminal Term, New York County

10:45-11:00 a.m. **PLENARY 1:
New York City School-Justice Partnership Task Force:
Report and Recommendations**

Speakers

KIM SWEET, ESQ., Executive Director, Advocates for Children of New York

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11:00-12:30 p.m.	<p>PLENARY 2: School Climate: Innovative Approaches for School-wide Change</p> <p>Speakers/Moderator JONATHAN COHEN, PH.D., President, National School Climate Center (Moderator/Speaker) STEVE KORR, Trainer and Consultant, International Institute for Restorative Practices MARÍA C. FERNÁNDEZ, Senior Coordinator, Urban Youth Collaborative KATHERINE ECKSTEIN, Chief of Staff, The Children’s Aid Society DANA ASHLEY, Director, The Institute for Understanding Behavior</p>
12:30-1:15 p.m.	<p>Box Lunch</p>
1:15-2:00 p.m.	<p>PLENARY 3: Best Practices for School Safety and Student Interaction</p> <p>Speakers/Moderator JOSHUA LAUB, Director of Youth Development, District 88, Office of Safety and Youth Development, New York City Department of Education (Moderator/Speaker) J. STUART ABLON, PH.D., Director, Think:Kids, Department of Psychiatry, Massachusetts General Hospital; Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School; Co-Director, Center for Collaborative Problem Solving JAIME KOPPEL, M.P.A., Atlantic Philanthropies Senior Fellow LYNN SANCHEZ, Parent Leader, New Settlement Parent Action Committee and NYC Coalition for Educational Justice</p>
2:00-2:45 p.m.	<p>PLENARY 4: Educational Engagement for Reentry and Court-involved Youth</p> <p>Speakers/Moderator TIM LISANTE, PH.D., Superintendent, District 79, Alternative Schools and Programs, New York City Department of Education (Moderator/Speaker) JACQUELINE SHERMAN, ESQ., Associate Commissioner of Youth and Family Development, New York City’s Administration for Children’s Services VALLERIE CLEVELAND, M.S.ED., Guidance Counselor, Horizon Juvenile Center CHRIS PAHIGIAN, M.P.A., Executive Director, Friends of Island Academy Planning MARK BODRICK, ReEntry Coordinator, Future Now AVIVA TEVAH, New York Reentry Education Network Coordinator, Center for Institutional and Social Change, Columbia Law School</p>
2:45-3:00 p.m.	<p>Break to Breakouts</p>

3:00-4:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SCHOOL CLIMATE—MEASURING SCHOOL CLIMATE AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN ACTION**Speakers**

JONATHAN COHEN, PH.D., President, National School Climate Center (Moderator/Speaker)

JESSICA SAVAGE, J.D., Policy Fellow, National School Climate Center

KATHERINE ECKSTEIN, Chief of Staff, The Children's Aid Society

SCHOOL CLIMATE—THERAPEUTIC CRISIS INTERVENTION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN ACTION**Speakers**

STEVE KORR, Trainer and Consultant, International Institute for Restorative Practices (Moderator/Speaker)

MARÍA C. FERNÁNDEZ, Senior Coordinator, Urban Youth Collaborative

STUDENT LED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEMONSTRATION

DANA ASHLEY, Director, The Institute for Understanding Behavior

3:00-4:30 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUED**

BEST PRACTICES FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND STUDENT INTERACTION

Speakers

JAIME KOPPEL, M.P.A., Atlantic Philanthropies Senior Fellow (Moderator/Speaker)

J. STUART ABLON, PH.D., Director, Think:Kids, Department of Psychiatry, Massachusetts General Hospital; Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School; Co-Director, Center for Collaborative Problem Solving

JOSHUA LAUB, Director of Youth Development, District 88, Office of Safety and Youth Development, New York City Department of Education

ERICA AYALA, Youth Leadership Development Associate, Children’s Defense Fund-New York

LYNN SANCHEZ, Parent Leader, New Settlement Apartments Parent Action Committee and NYC Coalition for Educational Justice

FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON STEPS TO IMPROVE STUDENT EDUCATIONAL REENGAGEMENT AND REENTRY

Speakers

TIM LISANTE, PH.D., Superintendent, District 79, Alternative Schools and Programs, New York City Department of Education (Moderator/Speaker)

STACEY OLIGER-PAYAMPS, Deputy Director, External Relations, District 79, Alternative Schools and Programs, New York City Department of Education

ALEX PEDERSON, School Business Manager, East River Academy, District 79 Alternative Schools and Programs, New York City Department of Education



Short Introductions

J. STUART ABLON, PH.D.

J. STUART ABLON, PH.D. is the Director of Think:Kids in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is also Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ablon co-founded the Center for Collaborative Problem Solving where he also served as Co-Director from its inception until 2008. Dr. Ablon is co-author of *Treating Explosive Kids: The Collaborative Problem Solving Approach* and author of numerous articles, chapters and scientific papers on the process and outcome of psychosocial interventions. A dynamic and engaging speaker, Dr. Ablon was recently ranked #5 on the list of the world's top rated keynote speakers in the academic arena.

Dr. Ablon's research has been funded by, amongst others, the National Institute of Health, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychoanalytic Association, the International Psychoanalytic Association, the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Institute, and the Endowment for the Advancement of Psychotherapy. Dr. Ablon received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of California at Berkeley and completed his predoctoral and postdoctoral training at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ablon trains parents, educators, and clinicians and consults to schools and treatment programs throughout the world in the Collaborative Problem Solving approach.

DANA ASHLEY

DANA ASHLEY is the Director of The Institute for Understanding Behavior: A Partnership between The United Federation of Teachers, The NYC Dept. of Education and Cornell University. Dana started her social work career as a therapist and advocate for the mentally ill and under-served populations in a hospital setting in NYC. In 2005, Dana joined the NYC DOE and designed the S.T.O.P.P Program (Strategies, Techniques, and Options Prior to Placement). The S.T.O.P.P initiative provided support for community schools, struggling to support students presenting with challenging behavior in their classrooms. The STOPP model provided intensive professional development and coaching by a behavior specialist to assist schools in developing positive, supportive systems for students and staff. In 2009, Dana won the NASW Emerging Leader Award for "dedication to the social work profession and her unique commitment and contributions to human services in New York City." The success of the STOPP initiative led to the birth of the new Institute for Understanding Behavior Consortium.

Dana Ashley was born and raised in New York City and the daughter of a public school teacher.

ERICA AYALA

ERICA AYALA is the Youth Leadership Development Associate at the Children's Defense Fund-New York office. Prior to her current role, Ayala worked as the Education Justice Consultant with the CDF-New York office, where she focused on the research, training and facilitation of restorative justice practices in New York City schools. In her role, she collaborated with school administrators, teachers, school safety officers, parents and other community organizations regarding restorative justice. She is in her eighth year of service to the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools®, where she has served as a Site Coordinator of the Grace CDF Freedom Schools® in Mount Vernon, New York, and Project Director of the Norfolk CDF Freedom Schools® in Norfolk, Virginia. She is also active in the CDF Young Advocate Leadership Training (YALT) program. Erica received a Bachelor's Degree from Elon University, where she studied Political Science with a minor in African-American Studies. While at Elon, Ayala studied abroad in South Africa and conducted a comparative study of anti-apartheid struggles of South Africa and the civil rights movement in the United States. Erica is currently pursuing her Master's of Public Administration at New York University Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service.

MARK BODRICK

MARK BODRICK is a ReEntry Coordinator of Future Now. Mark was born in Charleston, South Carolina. His family relocated to New York, where they moved frequently and experienced many difficulties. He is a former student of Riker's Island R.I.E.F (Riker's Island Educational Facility- currently East River Academy) where for the first time he found himself focused on his education and not so distracted by life problems. While on Rikers, he connected with CUNY Catch and was able to receive his GED in 1998.

Mark was released from Riker's Island in 2001 and went to Covenant House. He enrolled in Bronx Community College. He began working at CUNY Catch in 2002 as a Student Aide and was eventually promoted to Coordinator of the program. Mark has since received an A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems and is currently working on his B.A. in Social Work. He plans on continuing his education until he receives his P.H.D.

JONATHAN COHEN, PH.D.

JONATHAN COHEN, PH.D. is the president of the National School Climate Center (NSCC); Adjunct Professor in Psychology and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University; and a practicing clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst. Jonathan has worked in and with K-12 schools for over thirty-five years as a teacher, program developer, school psychologist, consultant, psycho-educational diagnostician and mental health provider. He is the author of many papers and books including *Making your School Safe: Strategies to Protect Children and Promote Learning* (Teachers College Press, 2007). Dr. Cohen has consulted to scores of schools, districts and State Departments of Education, the U.S. Department of Education and the *School Discipline Consensus Project* that is supported by Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, and the US Justice Department.

VALLERIE CLEVELAND, M.S.ED.

VALLERIE CLEVELAND, M.S.ED. is currently working at a Secure Detention unit, Horizon Juvenile Center. Raised in the Soundview Classon Point Projects in the Bronx, Ms. Vallerie Cleveland developed a desire to work with disadvantaged and at-risk youth. Ms. Cleveland has an M.S.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling and has worked with incarcerated youth for over 33 years. Ms. Cleveland started her career at Spofford Juvenile Detention Center in 1980. She has worked with youth in Secure Detention, Non Secure Detention and Alternative to Detention settings.

Ms. Cleveland serves on the board of the Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey and as an advisor to SuperKidz Kamp, a seven-day residential camp experience designed to develop young leaders who have confidence, character and compassion. She is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. "... a professional organization of teachers dedicated to the task of training youth of America to cope satisfactorily and effectively with today's problems...." Ms. Cleveland was a member of Chiku Awali. Chiku Awali is a non-for-profit organization that provides African dance, African artistic programs and a rites of passage experience for young men and women.

HON. MICHAEL CORRIERO

MICHAEL A. CORRIERO is the Executive Director and Founder of the New York Center for Juvenile Justice. He served as the Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City from July 2008 to July 2010. Prior to that, he served as a Judge in the New York State courts for 28 years. From September of 1992 to February of 2008, Judge Corriero presided over Manhattan's Youth Part, a court set aside within the adult court system to deal exclusively with the cases of 13-, 14-, and 15-year-olds who are charged with the most serious and violent crimes. His court became a model for mobilization and coordination of treatment and social services for children prosecuted in adult courts.

Judge Corriero has testified at state, city and federal legislative hearings on juvenile justice issues and delivered numerous addresses and participated in many state, national, and international conferences. He is the author of a book entitled: *Judging Children as Children: A Proposal for a Juvenile Justice System*, published by Temple University Press.

BENIA DARIUS

BENIA DARIUS, 17, is a senior at the Bushwick School for Social Justice. Born in Haiti, Benia and her family moved to the United States when she was 7 years old. For the past 3 years, Benia has been an active youth leader with Make the Road New York (MRNY) and the Urban Youth Collaborative (UYC). As a peer mediator in her school, Benia has been a lead force in fighting to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline in NYC and across the country, advocating for positive approaches to discipline, restorative justice, and ending the racial disparities in school-based suspensions and arrests. In the summer of 2012, Benia participated in the UYC's Youth Organizing Institute, an extensive weeklong leadership development training, engaging in discussions and workshops on education reform issues like school closures, college readiness, and the school-to-prison pipeline. Since then, Benia has been an active leader in the forefront of youth education organizing, facilitating workshops and trainings for young people, speaking in press conferences, panels, city council hearings, meetings with the Department of Education, and mayoral education town halls. Benia hopes to use the skills she has gained to become a lawyer and restaurant owner.

KATHLEEN DECATALDO, ESQ.

KATHLEEN DECATALDO is the Executive Director of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. Under the leadership of its chair, former Chief Judge Judith Kaye, Ms. DeCataldo is responsible for developing and implementing the work of the Commission which aims to improve the lives and life chances of children involved in the court system. Responding to emerging child welfare, juvenile justice and related health, education and other well being issues, Ms. DeCataldo is responsible for the development of materials, training aids and trainings to enhance judicial and other professionals' knowledge and understanding of the issues as a means to better serve children involved with the court system. Ms. DeCataldo advocates for the Commission's agenda by developing legislative, administrative and other reforms; speaking at state, national and public events; and conducting trainings and forums. Ms. DeCataldo is a member of numerous committees and advisory groups including the Governor's Children's Cabinet Advisory Board, New York City Family Court Administrative Judge Advisory Council and New York State Child Welfare Court Improvement Project Advisory Group.

Prior to coming to the Commission, Ms. DeCataldo served as Assistant Deputy Counsel and Director of Legislation and Special Projects, at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Ms. DeCataldo served as the State appointed representative to the Nicholson Review Committee and Co-chair of the statewide collaborative Adoption Now Workgroup. While at OCFS, Ms. DeCataldo was instrumental in the passage of the Permanency Bill, Chapter 3 of the Laws of 2005, and the PINS Diversion law, Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2005. Ms. DeCataldo conducted numerous statewide trainings of court, legal and social services district staff.

Ms. DeCataldo served as Family Court Judge in Schenectady County in 2000. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Ms. DeCataldo was in the private practice of law from 1989 to 2000, with a concentration in Family Court, matrimonial and public sector labor relations practice. As a private practitioner, Ms. DeCataldo's Family Court experience included representation of parents, grandparents, adoptive parents and children as a Law Guardian in neglect/abuse, termination of parental rights, PINS, JD, custody, visitation, adoption and support proceedings. Ms. DeCataldo is a graduate of Albany Law School and the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

KATHERINE ECKSTEIN

KATHERINE ECKSTEIN is Chief of Staff at The Children's Aid Society (CAS). As one of the nation's largest and oldest community-based organizations, CAS helps children in poverty to succeed and thrive by providing comprehensive supports to children and their families in targeted high-needs New York City neighborhoods. Katherine serves as a key advisor to the President and CEO and, as a member of the senior leadership team, is charged with driving Children's Aid's cradle-through-college agenda and improving overall organizational effectiveness and accountability. She is also oversees CAS' policy and advocacy work at the local, state and national levels. Key areas include education, health, child welfare, youth development, early learning, adolescent pregnancy prevention and juvenile justice.

Katherine began her work at Children's Aid in the National Center for Community Schools and served most recently as CAS' Director of Public Policy. Previous to joining Children's Aid, Katherine served as Special

Assistant to a Regional Superintendent in the New York City Department of Education and Director of Adult and Family Programs and Interim Executive Director at Playing2Win, the nation's first community technology center.

MARÍA C. FERNÁNDEZ

MARIA C. FERNANDEZ is currently the Senior Coordinator for the Urban Youth Collaborative (UYC), a citywide coalition of New York City students fighting for comprehensive education reform in NYC public schools. For the past 10 years, Maria has been organizing young people around educational justice issues, including ending the criminalization and push out of low-income students of color in NYC public schools, implementing positive alternatives to harsh disciplinary practices, developing alternatives to the disruptive school closure policies, training and developing school staff and administrations on youth leadership and transformative organizing, local school facility improvements, and developing community based solutions to land use and development. Through her time as Director of Sistas and Brothas United (SBU) in The Bronx, Maria informed the development and direction of the Dignity In Schools Campaign – New York Chapter (DSC-NY) and the national Alliance for Education Justice (AEJ). Maria is also the co-founder and instructor for BronXchanges, a youth led art and technology program for Bronx students interested in developing social change in their schools and communities through the arts.

LISA F. GRUMET

LISA F. GRUMET is Associate Director of the Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families at New York Law School. She previously worked at the New York City Law Department as Chief of Policy and Planning for the Family Court Division, and as a Senior Counsel for the Legal Counsel and General Litigation Divisions. She has worked on a range of children's policy issues in her career, including juvenile justice reform; student suspension protocols; Title VI, Title IX, IDEA and EEOA compliance; Mayoral control of schools; and separation of church and state. She has taught as a lecturer and adjunct at Columbia and Fordham Law Schools. She was a Staff Attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. B.A. Amherst College 1992, J.D. Yale Law School 1995.

HON. JUDITH S. KAYE

JUDITH S. KAYE joined Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom as Of Counsel in February 2009. Before joining the firm, for 25 years, three months and 19 days, she served as Judge of New York State's high court, the Court of Appeals, 15 of those years as Chief Judge of the State of New York. She was the first woman named to that bench. Before her appointment, Judge Kaye was associated with Sullivan & Cromwell, IBM, and Olwine, Connelly, Chase, O'Donnell & Weyher, where she became that firm's first female partner. Her practice was essentially in the area of commercial litigation, supplemented by bar association and pro bono activities. She is a graduate of New York University School of Law (cum laude) and Barnard College.

Judge Kaye wrote notable decisions on a wide array of constitutional, statutory and common law issues. As Chief Judge she also left her mark on New York's courts as a creative reformer, centering on improvement in the jury system, the Commercial Division of the State Supreme Court, creation of streamlining procedures for permanency for children, and opening "problem-solving courts" to deal constructively with repeat offenders, offering services for drug treatment, mental health counseling and job training. She is the author of more than 200 publications, including articles on legal process, state constitutional law, women in law and professional ethics.

Her current Board service includes Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the American Arbitration Association, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution ("CPR"), Volunteers of Legal Services and the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. She also has received numerous awards recognizing her judicial and scholarly accomplishments, such as the New York State Bar Association's Gold Medal, the ABA Justice Center's John Marshal Award, the National Center for State Courts' William H. Renhquist Award for Judicial Excellence, the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Adoption Excellence Award.

Judge Kaye is the mother of three, and grandmother of seven (ranging in age from 5 to 20).

JAIME KOPPEL, M.P.A.

JAIME KOPPEL was recently appointed Atlantic Philanthropies Senior Fellow. In this new role, she is responsible for helping multiple stakeholders fulfill their shared goal of reducing the use of exclusionary school discipline. Jaime will focus especially on justice-related efforts. Previously, Jaime served as the Director of Youth & Education Justice at the Children's Defense Fund - New York. In this role, she supported the efforts of CDF-NY's Youth Justice team, focused on ensuring meaningful education and juvenile justice reforms. Prior to her work at CDF-NY, Jaime served as Chief of Staff for the Executive Deputy Commissioner of New York City's Administration for Children's Services. Jaime was also a New York City Education Pioneers Fellow. While living in Honduras from 2001 - 2003, Jaime founded Bilingual Education for Central America (BECA), a nonprofit organization committed to collaborating with local communities to provide community-run, BECA-staffed and resourced bilingual schools. Jaime has a MPA from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). At Columbia University she was awarded the Harvey Picker Prize for Public Service for her demonstrated commitment to serving others.

STEVE KORR

STEVE KORR has been working with young people and their families since 1985. He worked for over a decade in several of the International Institute for Restorative Practices' (IIRP) demonstration schools as both a counselor and a school administrator, employing restorative practices with students, families and staff. Steve has facilitated many restorative conferences, both formal and informal, to address the needs of all who have been impacted by crime and wrongdoing. He draws upon these experiences to instruct others in restorative practices as a trainer and consultant. He has provided training in restorative practices to thousands of professionals in education, criminal justice and social services from all over the world. Steve has extensive experience in the fields of mental health, drug and alcohol treatment, outpatient counseling and alternative education. He has also consulted with numerous leaders within faith-based organizations to facilitate restorative interventions for families dealing with the strain of an addicted family member.

JOSHUA LAUB

JOSHUA LAUB is the Director of Youth Development at the Office of Safety and Youth Development for the New York City D.O.E. Laub was born in NYC and attended public schools in Los Angeles and Houston. He earned his Bachelor of Arts at Tufts and a Master of Arts in Teaching at Brown University (1993).

Joshua has served the public school children of New York City since 1994 when he began his teaching career at East Side Community High School. In 1999 he became a staff developer and assistant director at Banana Kelly High school in the South Bronx. He then served as Principal of Banana Kelly for ten years before taking on his current assignment with OSYD in 2011.

Most of Joshua's teaching experience has been in high-need communities. He acquired and practiced his skills working with young people who have not had the opportunity to develop behavioral controls. His greatest strength is in supporting students buffeted by repeated personal, family and/or social failures.

Laub's work focuses on troubled young people and helping them want to rejoin the community. He tries to bring along the adult members of the team needed to make such an effort succeed. For instance, winning over an otherwise capable teacher, who, struggling to make a class work, wants to punish an angry, disruptive child, instead of signing on to the more difficult job of forging a collective strategy to win that child over.

In Joshua's current position at OSYD, he has coordinated an inter-agency task force to support students and schools in turning students around. The goal is to reduce multiple suspensions and decrease arrests of our children, improving their chances of graduating high school. This project will encourage schools to rethink their current practices for young people in transition from a long-term suspension and/or absence. This effort includes training for the adults, supervising mentors for the young people, and connecting the entire team to a wider array of resources and services in the community, including tutoring, housing, health, and employment.

TIMOTHY LISANTE, PH.D.

TIMOTHY F. LISANTE has worked within the New York City Public Schools system for the past 35 years. He has a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in special education and is a long-time volunteer and former

director of the Queens Special Olympics. Since 1988, Dr. Lisante he has been a leader in alternative education. He has served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at the schools on Rikers Island. He is the Jails Education Chairperson of the Correctional Education Association and is a member of the NYS Juvenile Justice Steering Committee, NYS Alternative Education Steering committee and the NYC Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.

Dr. Lisante is Superintendent of District 79 with oversight for 11 alternative programs including GED prep, Career & Technical Education, residential and youth justice education. Dr. Lisante has served as an adjunct lecturer at Hunter College and currently teaches graduate courses in special education at Brooklyn College.

STACEY OLIGER-PAYAMPS

STACEY OLIGER-PAYAMPS is the Deputy Director of External Relations, District 79, Alternative Schools and Programs, New York City Department of Education. Stacey has worked for District 79 for over 17 years. She has worked in many capacities at both the program and district level. Stacey began working at Rikers Island transitioning students back into the community and connecting them to education opportunities. She also served as the Parent Coordinator for the program on Rikers Island.

Stacey has worked in the district office since 2006, as the District Family Liaison, Deputy Director of Student Support, and the Deputy Director of External Relations. Currently she is focused on ensuring that information on District 79's programs and services is widely available and accessible to the broader NYC community.

CHRISTINE PAHIGIAN, M.P.A.

CHRISTINE PAHIGIAN has worked for over 30 years in criminal and juvenile justice, sentencing advocacy and the development of alternatives to incarceration at direct service, policy and government levels. Ms. Pahigian serves as Executive Director of Friends of Island Academy, a youth development center which breaks cycles of incarceration by building the capacity of young people to become contributing citizens. During her tenure at NCIA and later at CASES, Ms. Pahigian was instrumental in the creation of a number of innovative programs in New York City, including those for juvenile offenders, parole violators and defendants with mental illness. She served in the New York City Mayor's Office under Mayor David Dinkins on the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Ms. Pahigian has written several training manuals for criminal and juvenile justice and mental health professionals. She has consulted and provided technical assistance nationally to Departments of Correction and criminal and juvenile justice agencies in New Mexico, Connecticut and Maryland around the use of positive youth development practices with justice-involved young people. Ms. Pahigian has taught as an Assistant Clinical Professor New York University and has provided training programs around New York State to justice system and youth practitioners. She holds a BA from Barnard College and an MPA from NYU's Wagner School.

ALEX PEDERSON

ALEX PEDERSON is the School Business Manager at East River Academy on Rikers Island, District 79 Alternative Schools and Programs, NYC Department of Education. Alex entered the field of education in 2006 while working at Springs Academy, an alternative school in North Carolina specializing in therapeutic education. In 2009, Alex became a Teach for America corps member, teaching for a high-need community in Houston, Texas. Alex began work with East River Academy in 2011, supporting several different projects including transitional support, curriculum and assessment, data management, and more. East River Academy serves students aged 16-21 on Rikers Island in both High School and GED programs.

COMMISSIONER RONALD E. RICHTER

RONALD E. RICHTER was appointed Commissioner of New York City's Administration for Children's Services (ACS) in September 2011. Commissioner Richter has worked for two decades on behalf of New York City's children involved with the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, he served as a Judge in the Family Court of the State of New York in Queens, to which he was appointed in January 2009. Prior to that, he served as Family Services Coordinator for the City of New York, ensuring that the City's human service agencies were managed efficiently and effectively, and provided oversight to the Mayor's Interagency Task Force on Child Welfare and Safety. Commissioner Richter was the ACS Deputy Commissioner for Family Court Legal Services from 2005 to 2007, where he was responsible for representing the Commissioner in all matters before the City's five family courts. For fourteen years,

Commissioner Richter was an attorney at The Legal Aid Society representing children in juvenile delinquency, child protection and parental rights proceedings.

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JACQUELINE SHERMAN was appointed the Associate Commissioner for the Office of Youth and Family Development at the Administration for Children's Services in fall of 2012. In her current role, Ms. Sherman has overseen implementation of New York City's new juvenile justice placement system, beginning with non-secure placement in fall 2012 and planning for the implementation of limited secure placement in fall 2013. From spring of 2012 until her appointment as Associate Commissioner, Ms. Sherman worked at ACS as the Senior Advisor for Juvenile Justice Services. Ms. Sherman has extensive experience in local government and non-profit services; she is a graduate of Amherst College and Harvard Law School.

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KIM SWEET is the Executive Director of Advocates for Children of New York (AFC), a not-for-profit organization that promotes access to quality education for all children in New York City's schools. She leads a staff of 48 attorneys and education specialists and oversees a wide range of projects focusing primarily on the educational rights and needs of the children the school system often overlooks – children with disabilities, English Language Learners, children who are homeless, and children involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. At AFC, Ms. Sweet has served on a number of task forces, coalitions, and commissions, including the Commission on School Governance established by the Public Advocate for the City of New York in 2008.

Ms. Sweet came to AFC following ten years with New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI), where she most recently held the title of Associate General Counsel. While at NYLPI, Ms. Sweet and a colleague from the New York State Commission on Quality of Care started Parents for Inclusive Education (PIE), a group of parents, educators, and advocates who came together to advocate for more inclusive educational options in

New York City's schools. After more than a decade, PIE continues to make a unique and valuable contribution to the formation of special education policy in the City.

After graduating law school, Ms. Sweet clerked for the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Jr., District Court Judge of the Southern District of New York, and worked as a litigator at the firm of Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP. Ms. Sweet holds a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from Columbia Law School.

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HON. CYRUS R. VANCE, JR.

CYRUS R. VANCE, JR., became District Attorney of New York County on January 1, 2010. Mr. Vance is a recognized leader in criminal justice reform and proposed a compelling vision for moving the Manhattan District Attorney's Office forward, with a focus on crime prevention.

Mr. Vance began his legal career in the Manhattan DA's Office during the high-crime era of the 1980s. As an Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Vance handled cases involving murder, organized crime, public corruption, and white-collar crime.

Mr. Vance is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He served by appointment of the Governor of New York as a member of the New York State Appellate Division, First Department, Judicial Screening Panel, and was a member of the New York State Commission on Sentencing Reform. Mr. Vance previously served as a member of the Criminal Justice Council of the New York City Bar Association, the Federal Bar Council, and the New York Council of Defense Lawyers. He was a member of the Boards of Directors of the Fund for Modern Courts, the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, and the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation. Mr. Vance was born and raised in Manhattan, and is a graduate of Yale University and Georgetown University Law Center. He and his wife live on the Upper West Side, and have two grown children.

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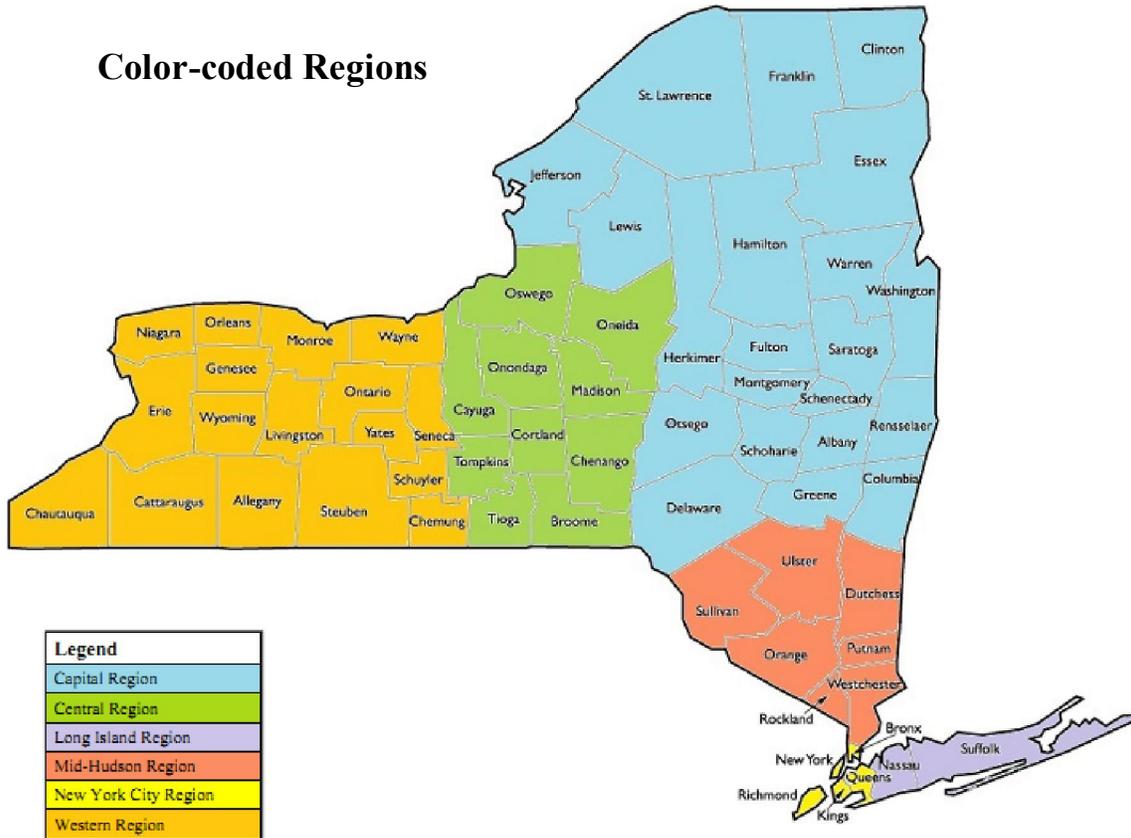
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