

UNITING FOR CHANGE:

CONNECTION, COMPASSION
& COLLABORATION

AUGUST 20-22, 2025

DENVER, COLORADO

2025 RESEARCH CONFERENCE



[ICJAONLINE.ORG/EVENTS](https://icjaonline.org/events)

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Colorado Conference Center
700 14th Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

Registration

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom Foyer

Pre-Conference Session

Judge Michael Ryan & Leticia Longoria-Navarro
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom

Welcome Reception

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Colorado Conference Center
700 14th Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

Registration & Breakfast
7:30 a.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom Foyer

Opening Ceremony
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom

Opening Plenary:
Dr. Emily Salisbury

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom

Break
10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom Foyer

Workshop Sessions
10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Thriving Through Change: Leveraging Organization Values
to Support Reentry Success

Dr. Phillip Fletcher

Breaking the Cycle: Evidence-Based Interventions for
Children and Families Impacted by Parental Incarceration

Dr. Kelli Rogers, Cosette Eisenhauer

Strength-Based Approaches for Assessment and Case
Planning

Dr. David Robinson,
Dr. Marilyn Van Dielen

From Prison to Purpose: Leveraging Emotional Intelligence
for Community Transformation

Dr. Lena Miller, Dr. Forrest Stuart

Just Reach One: A Recovery Story of What a Village Can Do

Joe Driver, Michael Corona,
Claudia Delfin

Margaret Mead Award Luncheon

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom

Margaret Mead Honoree:
Cleveland Bell III

Break

1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom Foyer

Workshop Sessions

1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

From Surviving to Thriving: Reentry Support Rooted in Lived Experience

Gabrielle Priest Celestin, Sean Graham

Bridging the Gap Between Wellness and Incarceration:
A True Jail Diversion Model

Clinton Jordan, Amelia Weeks,
Meghan Wagner, Haley-Jo Syth

“I’ve Completed the Risk/Needs Assessment - Now What?” Turning Assessment Results into Opportunities for Engagement and Change

Paul Hoffman, Kerry Krause,
Chrystal Owin

Follow the Data: Insights from Georgia’s
Supervision Playbook

Dr. Nick Powell, Scott Maurer,
Bert Flewellen

Realistic Risk Assessment of People Who Have Committed
Sexual Assaults: Replacing Myth with Evidence

Mark Wakefield

Break

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Four Seasons Ballroom Foyer

Workshop Sessions

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A Conversation Regarding Youth Homelessness and the
Criminal Justice System: Elevating the Youth Perspective

Nick DiGiammo

The Forgotten Populations: Addressing the Reentry Needs
of Elderly, Women, and Justice-Involved Parents

Dr. Kelly Sieger

From Incarceration to Integration – The Returning Home Ohio (RHO) Model for Success: Replicating the Returning Home Model in Your State	Kanani Medeiros, Terri Power
Weathering the Storm: How Systemic Biases and Fast Thinking Deepen the Scars of Incarceration	Christina Kalnicki
Advancing the First Step Act – The Intersection of Faith, Law and Correctional Science	Jay Whetzel, Heidi Kugler
<p>Justice Emerging Leaders (JEL) Network Mixer 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Denver Hilton City Center 1701 California Street Denver, Colorado 80202 <i>Hospitality Suite Room Number TBA</i></p>	
<p>Friday, August 22, 2025 Colorado Conference Center 700 14th Street Denver, Colorado 80202</p>	
<p>Breakfast 8:00 a.m. <i>Four Seasons Ballroom Foyer</i></p>	
<p><i>Mitigating Suicide Risk Among Justice-Involved Individuals: Prevalence, Prevention, and Emerging Strategies</i> Dr. Kimberly Sperber</p> <p>8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. <i>Four Seasons Ballroom</i></p>	
<p>Break 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. <i>Four Seasons Ballroom Foyear</i></p>	
<p>Workshop Sessions 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.</p>	
How Denver Proved Supportive Housing is an Effective Justice Intervention	Kate Bonamasso

Thriving Together: Empowering Employees and Cultivating a Supportive Work Culture	Dr. Tameka Williams
The Partnership Between Canadians and the Uganda Prison Service: Lessons Learned from the Mbarra Prison Complex in Uganda in Doing Better for Incarcerated People	Dr. Rosemary Ricciardeli, Dr. Stanley MacLellan
Breaking the Second Sentence: A Compassionate and Collaborative Approach to Reentry	Tanaine Jenkins
Behavioral Health as a Bridge: Lessons from Ohio's First Diversion Center	Allyse Hawkins, Dr. Megan Testa
Break into Lunch & Final Plenary 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <i>Four Seasons Ballroom</i>	
<i>Reimagining Incarceration with the New American University: A Holistic, Strengths-Based Approach to Empower People in Prison</i> Dr. Kevin Wright 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. <i>Four Seasons Ballroom</i>	
Conference Closing & 2026 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. <i>Four Seasons Ballroom</i>	