

# Reconnecting System-Involved Youth: A Developmental Approach

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## Schedule

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EDT

- Welcome
- Opening Remarks  
**U.S. Congressman Bobby Scott**  
(VA-3)
- Panel Discussion  
**JooYeun Chang,**  
U.S. Department of Health and  
Human Services  
**Catherine Pierce,**  
U.S. Department of Justice  
**Jim St. Germain,**  
Preparing Leaders of Tomorrow  
**Roger Jarjoura,**  
American Institutes for  
Research
- Question & Answer  
Session

## BIOGRAPHIES

### Roger Jarjoura

AIR Principal Researcher, Health and Social Development Program



Roger Jarjoura is a principal researcher in the Health and Social Development Program at AIR. He previously spent 19 years as a faculty member in the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, where he served as a fellow on community engagement. He was recognized as a Translating

Research into Practice scholar and served as a research partner to the Marion County Reentry Coalition, and provided training and mentoring to other faculty interested in developing research partnerships with community-based organizations and programs. Jarjoura has served as an investigator on several evaluation studies, including an OJJDP-funded, national process and outcome evaluation of a Boys and Girls Clubs of America Targeted Reentry program in four sites. He was recently the principal investigator on two randomized-control studies. One study examined the effect of a prison-based restorative justice initiative on prisoner reentry outcomes for adult offenders. The other study examined the impact of a specialized women's assistance program for drug court participants on recidivism and drug use outcomes.

Jarjoura has more than 16 years of experience in developing and evaluating mentoring programs. He was the co-chair of the National Cadre of Mentoring Researchers, which sought to translate research on youth mentoring into practice for programs serving system-involved youth.

### JooYeun Chang

Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



By appointment of President Obama, JooYeun Chang just joined the Children's Bureau as associate commissioner. The Children's Bureau is the oldest federal agency for children, recently celebrating its centennial. Chang administers more than \$7 billion in federal programming to support the nation's child protection, foster care, guardianship and adoption programs.

Prior to the Children's Bureau, Chang was the senior director of public policy at Casey Family Programs where she worked closely with state and county child welfare leaders to improve and enhance child welfare practice and with Congress on opportunities to improve national child welfare policy. Before Casey Family Programs, Chang served as senior staff attorney for the Children's Defense Fund. Her areas of expertise in federal and state policy include child abuse and neglect, foster care and adoption, children's mental health, child welfare financing, and kinship care. She wrote several publications; worked to educate congressional staff about child welfare policies designed to protect children and support families; and identified and promoted best practices in child welfare and related issues.

Chang is a member of the Maryland State Bar; a former board member for the National Foster Care Coalition and chair for the Policy Committee of the National Foster Care Coalition; and a former member of the Generations United Policy Committee. She received her J.D. from University of Miami School of Law where she was a Harvey T. Reid Scholar and earned her undergraduate degree at North Carolina State University.

### Catherine Pierce

Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice



Catherine Pierce is a senior advisor to the administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to coming to OJJDP, she was the acting director of DOJ's Office on Violence Against Women where she served as a deputy for 15 years. In her capacity as a senior advisor at OJJDP, she staffed the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence (the Defending Childhood Task Force) and continues to lead OJJDP's policy work on that issue.

At the Office on Violence Against Women, she oversaw the development and implementation of grant programs created by the Violence Against Women Act, and she directed OVW's technical assistance initiative. She also initiated a comprehensive effort to measure the effectiveness of VAWA grant programs, developed outreach and communications strategies, and managed special projects and demonstration initiatives. From 2000 to 2003, she represented the Department of Justice as a civilian member of the Department of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence.

Before joining OVW, Pierce directed the Summer of Safety, a predecessor to AmeriCorps, at the Corporation for National and Community Service. Prior to that, she served as a deputy at the State Justice Institute where she developed and managed its judicial education program. Before her work with SJI, she was actively involved in the field of criminal and juvenile justice where her work focused on the differential treatment of women and girls and the creation of community-based programs for young men and women in the juvenile justice system.

### Robert C. Scott

U.S. Representative, Virginia



Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott is currently serving his eleventh term in Congress. Prior to serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, Scott served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1978 to 1983 and in the Senate of Virginia from 1983 to 1993.

During his 15-year tenure in the Virginia General Assembly, Scott successfully sponsored laws that are critical to Virginians in health care, education, employment, economic development, crime prevention, social services and consumer protection. His legislative successes included laws that improved health care benefits for women, infants and children, increased the Virginia minimum wage, and created the Governor's Employment and Training Council. He also sponsored the Neighborhood Assistance Act, which provides tax credits to businesses for donations made to approved social service and crime prevention programs.

In November 1992, Scott was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Through this election, Scott made history by becoming the first African American elected to Congress from the Commonwealth of Virginia since Reconstruction and only the second African American elected to Congress in Virginia's history. Having a maternal grandfather of Filipino ancestry also gives Scott the distinction of being the first American with Filipino ancestry to serve as a voting member of Congress.

From the beginning of his tenure in Congress, Scott has led efforts to pass comprehensive juvenile justice reform and crime prevention legislation and is doing so now by sponsoring the Youth PROMISE Act, which would provide resources to state and local governments for evidenced-based strategies and programs to prevent juvenile crime. He is also leading efforts to enact legislation designed to reduce high school dropout rates and increase access to a college education for all students with the Every Student Counts Act. And, as a part of developing universal health care for all, Scott sponsored the All Healthy Children Act to ensure that the 9 million uninsured children in the United States have access to quality health care.

Scott was born on April 30, 1947 in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Newport News, Virginia. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Boston College Law School. After graduating from law school, he returned to Newport News and practiced law from 1973 to 1991. He received an honorable discharge for his service in the Massachusetts National Guard and the United States Army Reserve. Scott is a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Newport News and is a member of many professional, community and civic boards and organizations.

### Jim St. Germain

Youth Mentor, Founder of Preparing Leaders of Tomorrow



Jim St. Germain is the founder of Preparing Leaders of Tomorrow, a nonprofit mentoring organization serving at-risk youth. His passion for working with this population stems from his own life experiences. Feeling a personal responsibility to society, Jim spends his time collaborating with political offices and other nonprofit organizations, and in conversations with young people at New York City public schools.

St. Germain has worked with former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg on the Close-to-Home and the Young Men's Initiative and with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as a national policy advisor. He has also collaborated with the Children's Defense Fund – New York and interned with New York Assemblyman Karim Camara, with whom he still works with on community matters such as reducing gun violence. St. Germain was also a member of the New York City Administration for Children's Services Juvenile Justice Oversight Board and a volunteer member of New York State's Division of Criminal Justice Services Youth Advisory Council. Previously, St. Germain was a youth care worker at a juvenile detention facility where he was once a resident for years.

In the fall, St. Germain plans to pursue a Master of Public Administration from New York University. He holds an associate's degree in human services from the Borough of Manhattan Community College and Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.