

Public Housing Access

A convening on innovative reentry practices

November 15, 2016

Trinity Church, 75 Broadway at Wall Street

- 8:30 - 8:40 am Welcome and Statement of Goals for the Day
- Ron Ashford, Director of Supportive Services, Office of Public and Indian Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - The Reverend Winnie Varghese, Priest and Director of Justice and Reconciliation, Trinity Church
 - Margaret diZerega, Project Director, Center on Sentencing and Corrections, Vera Institute of Justice
- 8:40 – 9:20 am Why should public housing authorities serve residents with conviction histories?
- Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - Shola Olatoye, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, New York City Housing Authority
 - Charles Nuñez, Community Advocate, Youth Represent
 - Louis L. Reed, Program Director, Mayor’s Initiative for Reentry Affairs, Bridgeport Connecticut
 - Moderator: Nick Turner, President and Director, Vera Institute of Justice
- 9:25 - 10:00 am What lessons can we learn from NYCHA’s Family Reentry Pilot Program?
- Yolanda Johnson-Peterkin, Chief of Housing Community Activities, New York City Housing Authority
 - Seiveright Miller, Reentry Operations Manager, New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision
 - Julio Medina, Executive Director, Exodus Transitional Community
 - Darnell Smith, Resident, New York City Housing Authority

- Moderator: Andrea Batista Schlesinger, Deputy Director of U.S. Programs, Open Society Foundations
- 10:05 – 10:20 am Break
- 10:20 – 10:45 am How are other housing authorities addressing the housing needs of formerly incarcerated people? A discussion about successes and challenges.
- Sarah Russell, Executive Director, Burlington Housing Authority
 - Dominica Henderson, Director of Planning, Implementation and Compliance, Oakland Housing Authority
 - Adrian Lopez, Director of Community Development Initiatives, San Antonio Housing Authority
 - Moderator: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 10:50 – 11:35 am What opportunities exist for broader public housing policy change?
- Marie Claire Tran-Leung, Staff Attorney, Housing Justice, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
 - Maggie Merrill, Asset Management Director, Housing Authority of New Orleans
 - Mary Howard, Chief Resident Services Officer, Chicago Housing Authority
 - Rachel Ramirez, Senior Organizer, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
 - Moderator: Lindsay Knotts, Policy Director, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
- 11:35 – 11:45 am Closing Remarks
- Ritchie Torres, New York City Councilmember and Chair of the Committee on Public Housing
 - Ron Ashford, Director of Supportive Services, Office of Public and Indian Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development