

Michigan Public Defense Task Force Annual Conference



Reforming Public Defense, Serving Our Communities

Thursday, June 19, 2008
9a.m. – 5p.m. Reception to follow

Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48912



**Criminal Defense
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May 1, 2008

Dear friends,

You are cordially invited to join the Michigan Public Defense Task Force for its Annual Conference, “Reforming Public Defense, Serving Our Communities” on June 19, 2008.

This free one-day conference, hosted at the Lansing Center, is an opportunity to engage in a discussion about Michigan’s broken public defense system and the potential for reform. Join national and local experts in exploring critical public defense issues and identifying opportunities to advocate for programs that improve the system and reduce recidivism.

Your voice is needed! Addressing this issue requires the participation and expertise of a wide range of stakeholders, including legal and criminal justice professionals, treatment and service providers, community and faith leaders, and other advocates. Let’s work together to ensure that every Michigander, regardless of income, is afforded their rights as outlined in the Constitution.

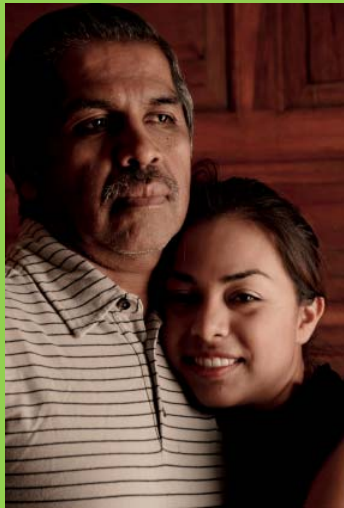
Space is limited so register for the conference today! www.MichiganCampaignForJustice.org
Event updates will continue to be added to the site.

Questions may be directed to Michelle Weemhoff, Public Defense Task Force Coordinator at info@michigancampaignforjustice.org, 517-372-3050.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Arnovits
President, Public Defense Task Force



AGENDA

8:30am Registration

9:00am Opening Remarks

Keynote Address: *Fulfilling Gideon's Promise*

David Carroll, National Legal Aid & Defender Association
Chief Justice Karla Gray, *The Montana Perspective*

10:15am Session I: Reforming Public Defense...

Fixing a Broken System - National Perspectives: Pending litigation alleges that Michigan's public defense system is unconstitutional. Join us to examine the lawsuit and hear why and how other states have approached reform.

A Day in the Life of Michigan's Public Defense Attorneys: Not an attorney? Take an introductory look into the daily challenges and victories facing defenders.

Children Lost in the System: Michigan's children need a juvenile justice system that protects their rights and serves their best interests. Explore the unique challenges defenders face in this system and the resulting impact on families.

12pm Luncheon

Lunch Plenary: *Reforming Public Defense, Serving our Communities*

Mark Stephens, Knox Co Public Defender Community Law Office

1:45pm Session II: Serving our Communities...

Partners in Community Defense: Defense attorneys are often the first point of contact for individuals that could greatly benefit from treatment and social services. Explore avenues that integrate defense and rehabilitative programs.

Effective Elements of Public Defense - Michigan Examples: Learn best practices regarding caseloads, training and access to resources and discuss how your practice compares to national standards.

Interfaith Roundtable on Public Defense: Learn how faith communities are embracing their values of compassion and support to fuel social justice efforts.

3:30pm Interactive Discussion: *Moving Toward Action*
Laura Sager, Campaign for Justice

5pm Social Reception, Lansing Center River Street Pub

Online Registration
Available:
[www.MichiganCampaign
forJustice.org](http://www.MichiganCampaignforJustice.org)

Register early.
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per individual.

Register online or mail to:
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1115 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 201
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Please indicate your preferred workshop sessions:

Session I: Reforming Public Defense

- Fixing a Broken System: National Perspectives
- A Day in the Life of Public Defense Attorneys
- Children Lost in the System

Session II: Serving our Communities...

- Partners in Community Defense
- Effective Elements of Public Defense in MI
- Interfaith Roundtable on Public Defense

Would you like to be added to the Campaign for Justice mailing list? Yes No

Please note any special needs/ accommodations: _____

Lansing Center

For detailed directions, hotel accommodations, and parking maps, visit <http://www.lansingcenter.com/>
(517) 483-7400

Parking

Parking under the Lansing Center is \$5 per entry. Parking at the North and South Grand Ramp is \$0.90 per half hour with a maximum of \$8.25 per day. Metered parking is also available on Michigan Avenue.

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