

Beyond Confinement: Rethinking Corrections & Rehabilitation in Maryland
Conference Schedule
Saturday, September 9, 2023
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

9:00 am - 9:30 am
Onsite Registration

9:45 am - 10:00 am
Opening Remarks
Dr. Crystal Francis, Vice Chairwoman, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform

Welcome Address
Hon. Robert M. Bell, retired Chief Judge, Maryland Supreme Court (formerly Maryland Court of Appeals)

Dean Ronald Weich, University of Baltimore School of Law

Heather Warnken, Executive Director, Center for Criminal Justice Reform, University of Baltimore School of Law

Plenary Session 1 [10:00 am - 10:45 am]

10 am to 10:20 am
Re-imagining Maryland's Approach to Corrections and Rehabilitation
Secretary Carolyn J. Scruggs, Dept. Public Safety & Correctional Services

10:25 am to 10:45 am
Justice Reinvestment
Senator Will C. Smith, Chair Judicial Proceedings Committee

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Breakout Session A (Choose 1 Session)

- 1. Demystifying and Reforming Maryland's Parole Policies and Practices**
This engaging discussion will highlight the current policies and practices associated with seeking parole in Maryland and the decision-making process.

Moderator: Olinda Moyd, Esq.
Board Member, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform
Keith Wallington, Justice Policy Institute
Sonia Kumar, Esq. American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland
Gordon Pack, Prepare Parole

- 2. Unlocking Potential through Correctional Education**

This panel discussion delves into the transformative impact of correctional education, exploring how it equips individuals with essential skills, knowledge, and opportunities for personal growth, fostering a pathway towards successful reintegration into society upon release.

**Moderators: Dr. Stephen Steurer, CURE
Dr. Judith Lichtenberg, Board Member, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform**

Dr. Andrea Cantora, Second Chance College Program, Jessup Correctional Institution

Ricardo Burks, Advocate

Dr. Frances Tracy-Mumford, Maryland Department of Labor

3. Navigating Rehabilitation Implementation within Correctional Facilities

The lecture explores solutions-focused approaches for navigating the complexities associated with rehabilitation implementation.

Dr. Brandee Izquierdo, Behavioral Health Programs, Pew Charitable Trusts

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

Networking Lunch

Plenary Session 2 [1:15 pm to 2:00 pm]

Correctional Oversight

Attorney General, Anthony G. Brown

Maryland Office of the Attorney General

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Breakout Session B (Choose 1 Session)

4. No Excuses: Preparing for Reentry & Reintegration in Maryland

This panel will explore the implementation of successful strategies and innovative approaches to reshape and address reentry challenges, ultimately ensuring the success of all returning citizens.

Moderator: Donna Rojas, Board Member, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform

Derrell Frazier, Reform Alliance

Marsha Briley, Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities

Rodney Moore, Advocate

Stephan LoBuglio, Justice Innovations

5. Reimagining Corrections

The panel discussion, "Reimagining Corrections," delves into innovative approaches to transforming the traditional corrections system.

Moderator: Hon. Phil Caroom, Chairman, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform

Tyrone Walker, Georgetown Prisons Justice Initiative
Dr. John Hart, Vera Institute of Justice
Tonyah Roberts-Johnson, Office of the Public Defender
Srgt. Temesghen Andemicheal, District of Columbia Department of Corrections

6. Policy Reform & Legislative Advocacy

This session provides an overview of various legislative proposals that impact corrections championed by MAJR and partner organizations.

Facilitator: Bob Rhudy, Esq.
Board Member, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform

Out for Justice
Nicole Hansen-Mundell

Survivors of Violence and Trauma Clinic, University of Maryland School of Law
Lila Meadows

Interfaith Action for Human Rights
Suzanne O’Hatnick

***Job Opportunity Task Force**
Kam Bridges

Trans Rights Advocacy Coalition
Alice Wilkerson

Maryland Office of the Public Defender
Elizabeth Hilliard & Natasha Khalfani

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Summary Wrap Up & Call to Action
Hon. Phil Caroom, (retired), Chairman, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform
Break

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Optional Networking Reception