Session Description: States spend significant resources to divert, assist and rehabilitate young adult offenders, ages 18 to 25. This population is overrepresented in the justice system—from arrest to courtroom to jail and prison. Research suggests traditional responses may be ineffective for this population. Learn about young adults’ brain and social development and walk away with strategies and innovations to improve outcomes for justice-involved youth while ensuring public safety.

Biographies

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Laurie joined the MacArthur Foundation in 1991 after serving as director of the National Forum on the Future of Children and Families, a joint project of the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine. From 1984 to 1987, she was the director of governmental and professional liaison for the American Educational Research Association in Washington, D.C. This position followed the year she spent, from 1983 to 1984, as a Congressional Science Fellow in the U.S. Senate. From 1980 to 1985, Garduque held a faculty position as an assistant professor in human development at The Pennsylvania State University. She received her bachelor’s degree in psychology and her Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of California at Los Angeles.

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Representative Eric Hutchings has served in the Utah House of Representatives since 2001. He is the chair of the Executive Offices & Criminal Justice Committee. Additionally, he serves on the House Judiciary committee and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.

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Representative Roger Goodman is chair of the House Public Safety Committee, with oversight of the criminal justice system. He is also a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee. His legislative work has focused on reducing drunken driving and the harm from domestic violence, and also expanding early childhood education programs. An attorney and criminal justice expert, Goodman directed Washington’s Sentencing Guidelines Commission in the late 1990s and he previously served in the 1980s and 1990s on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. as legislative director, counsel and chief of staff for two senior Democratic Members of Congress. Goodman is admitted to practice law in Washington State and Rhode Island, the First and Ninth Federal Circuits and the United States Supreme Court. He received an A.B. (artium baccalaureus) degree as a Senior Fellow from Dartmouth College; a Juris Doctor degree from the George Washington University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University, where he concentrated on social policy issues, including criminal justice, public health, education reform and economic security.

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