

5th Annual Reentry Policy Conference Summary***Elevating Women: Strengthening Policies & Practices
to Support the Needs of Justice-Involved Women***

We are please to open registration for the National H.I.R.E. Network's 5th Annual New York State Policy Conference, *Elevating Women: Strengthening Policies & Practices to Support the Needs of Justice-Involved Women in New York State*. [Click here](#) to register.

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010
Time: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Location: Rockefeller University, Caspary Auditorium
1230 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065

The National H.I.R.E. Network's policy conference is a public forum that brings together community stakeholders, policymakers, individuals with criminal records and their family members, community service providers, researchers, and many others—to discuss effective solutions for improving public safety and public responsiveness to the needs of those directly impacted by the criminal justice system.

This year's conference will focus on gender-responsive models and practices for reducing recidivism and improving the wellbeing of women directly impacted by the criminal justice system, specifically:

- Key trends concerning women and the criminal justice system;
- Personal experiences of women who have successfully navigated the transition from incarceration to reintegration;
- Why trauma-informed approaches to policy and practice are essential to the success and wellbeing of women directly impacted by the criminal justice system;
- How women directly impacted by the criminal justice system actively participate in the movement to change the systems and policies that impact their lives; and,
- How you can make a difference.

The conference keynote speaker will be **Brenda V. Smith, Professor of Law at the Washington College of Law at American University**. Professor Smith is the Principal Investigator and Project Director for the Project on Addressing Prison Rape and The Building Capacity Project. In 2003, Professor Smith was appointed by U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-California) to serve on the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission by the United States House of Representatives, an appointment she held until 2009. Prior to her joining the faculty at the Washington College of Law, Professor Smith was Senior Counsel for Economic Security at the National Women's Law Center and Director of the National Women Law Center's Women in Prison Project and Child and Family Support Project.

We look forward to an exciting exchange of ideas and solutions! For questions or more information, please contact lacinfo@lac.org.

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Conference Agenda

- 8-9 am Registration and Breakfast
- 9-9:15 am Welcome
- 9:15-9:30 am Presentation
- 9:30-9:50 am Keynote Presentation– Where Are We Now? Key Trends
- 9:50 - 11:20 am Discussion Panel I - Exploring Women’s Reintegration Experiences:
Personal Perspectives
- 11:20 – 11:30 am Break**
- 11:30-12:45pm Discussion Panel II- Improving supervision and services through trauma-
informed models
- 12:45 – 1:30 pm Lunch Break (On your own)**
- 1:30-2:30 pm Discussion Panel III: Keeping Women Front and Center: Advocacy
- 2:30-3 pm Closing/Call to Action