

Bringing Research to Policy and Practice

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Blue Room Area

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Blue Room

Welcome

Laurence Steinberg, Director
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice

Laurie Garduque, Program Director for Research
Program on Human and Community Development
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Opening Remarks

J. Robert Flores, Administrator
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
U.S. Department of Justice

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Blue Room

Adolescent Development and Criminal Blameworthiness: Is Immaturity a Mitigating Factor?

Marie Banich, Richard Bonnie, Laurence Steinberg

This session provides an overview of legal issues concerning the mitigation and excuse of criminal responsibility and examines how scientific knowledge about adolescent development informs our understating of whether and why psychological immaturity may mitigate juveniles' criminal blameworthiness. Results from the Network's large-scale study of age differences in capacities relevant to criminal responsibility will be summarized.

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Congressional A Room

- The Implications of Brain Research for Policy and Practice
Marie Banich, Thomas Grisso, Orlando Martinez, Laurence Steinberg

Forum Room

- Implications of Culpability Research for Sentencing and Transfer to Criminal Court
Jeffrey Fagan, Robert Schwartz, Frank Zimring

Council Room

- Disproportionate Minority Confinement: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Differences in Assessments of Juvenile Culpability
Barry Feld, Sandra Graham, Darnell Hawkins, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard

Congressional B Room

- Costs and Benefits of Rehabilitation: How the Public Views Policy Alternatives
Peter Greenwood, Daniel Nagin, Alex Piquero

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Palladium Ballroom

Lunch

2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Blue Room

Research on Pathways to Desistance

Elizabeth Cauffman, Laurie Chassin, Jeffrey Fagan, Edward Mulvey, Carol Schubert, Laurence Steinberg

An overview of the Network's ongoing, longitudinal study of more than 1,300 serious juvenile offenders in two cities. The study design and rationale will be described, and several key findings of the study, concerning patterns and predictors of desistance and recidivism, will be presented.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Palladium Ballroom

Cocktail Reception and Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Juan Williams, Senior Correspondent, National Public Radio

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Friday, September 22, 2006

Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice

8:00 a.m. — 8:45 a.m.
Blue Room Area

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.
Blue Room

Youths' Capacities as Decision-Makers in the Adjudicative Process

Thomas Grisso, Elizabeth Scott

Provides an overview of legal issues concerning juveniles' competence to stand trial in both criminal and juvenile court, as well as a summary of the findings of the Network's large-scale study of age differences in adjudicative competence. The plenary session will be followed by breakout sessions that focus on the implications of this work for policy and practice.

10:15 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

Council Room

- Juvenile Psychopathy: Is There Such a Thing as an Adolescent Superpredator?
Elizabeth Cauffman

Hampton Room

- Implications of Competence Research for Legislation, Policy, and Legal Practice
Thomas Grisso, Amy Holmes Hehn, Patricia Lee, Judge Kimberly O'Donnell, Elizabeth Scott

Congressional A Room

- Clinical Evaluation of Juveniles' Competence for Lawyers and Judges
Gina Vincent

Forum Room

- Police Questioning of Juvenile Suspects
Steve Drizin, Saul Kassir, Robert Schwartz

Congressional B Room

- Caretakers' Roles in the Protection of Youths' Rights in the Adjudicative Process
Jennifer Woolard

11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Palladium Ballroom

Lunch

Guest Speaker: Jonathan F. Fanton, President, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

1:15 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Blue Room

Adolescent Development and Legal Policy

Peter Greenwood, Thomas Grisso, Jane Sprott, Frank Zimring

An overview of the Network's monographs on Adolescent Development and Legal Policy. These monographs examine the intersection of juvenile offending and mental disorder; adolescent sex offenders; delinquency prevention; and sex differences in juvenile offending.

- Double Jeopardy: Adolescent Offenders with Mental Disorders
- An American Tragedy: Legal Responses to Adolescent Sexual Offending
- Changing Lives: Delinquency Prevention as Crime-Control Policy
- Changes in the Rates of Delinquency for Girls and Boys

2:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Blue Room

Closing Remarks

Laurence Steinberg, Director

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