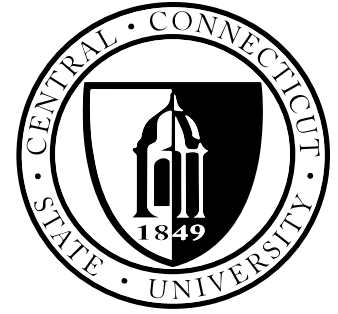


Building Bridges:

Decarceration and the Community



Day: Wednesday, March 13, 2019* 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.* Alumni Hall, CCSU

Theme:

Connecticut was recently touted as one of five states with the [*largest rates of decarceration*](#) in the country. Yet there is still significant work ahead to fulfill the promise of Justice Reinvestment and ensure successful reintegration of those leaving incarceration. By highlighting the recent [*CT Reentry Strategy*](#), this conference looks to the very communities most impacted by incarceration to play a critical role in the next phase of justice reform. Come lend your voice to the conversation!

Audience:

All entities administering and/or affected by Connecticut criminal justice policies and practices including: state legislators and local elected officials; state and municipal agencies; the Judicial Branch; law enforcement; business leaders; academics and students; the faith community; impacted individuals; and local and statewide community-based organizations

Schedule:

8:30am: **Registration/Coffee/Networking (Welte Auditorium)**

9:00am: **Welcome and Introduction and Morning Keynote (Welte Auditorium):**

- **Keynote: Daryl McGraw – Reentry: The Ongoing Process**

9:30am: **Panel 1**

- **How are elected officials working together to impact decarceration and ensure successful reentry?**

- Moderator: Bill Dyson

- Panelists (invited): Sen Gary Winfield (Co-Chair, Judiciary); Rep. Robyn Porter (Co-Chair, Labor); Rep. Toni Walker (Co-Chair, Appropriations); Mayor Erin Stewart (New Britain);

11am: **Panel 2**

- **How are advocates/community members working together to impact decarceration and ensure successful reentry?**
- Moderator: Andrew Clark
- Panelists: Kenyatta Thompson (Katal), Gus Marks-Hamilton (ACLU-Smart Justice), Corrie Betts (NAACP – Hartford); Rob Hebert (CT Reentry Collaborative)

12pm: **Lunch (Alumni Hall)**

Networking

1pm: **Breakouts (Alumni Complex) - Aspects of the CT Reentry Strategy**

- Education in the Carceral Space – Higher Ed for the justice impacted
- Community Planning: Local Reentry Centers
- Public Engagement: Lessons from “Life on Parole”
- Innovations in public/private financing
- Equity in Cannabis Policy, Decarceration and Community Justice Reinvestment
- Forensic Peer Support (101)

2:30pm: **Dennis Schrantz, Co-Author of *Decarceration Strategies* (Alumni Hall)**

Building out the Justice Reinvestment Framework

Discussion of Lessons Learned from *Decarceration Strategies* report, followed by Interactive Discussion by Region (Bridgeport; Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, Windham; Southeast CT; New Britain; Stamford; Torrington, Danbury)

3:45pm: Wrap up: Next Steps **(Alumni Hall)**