# **Violence and the Urban Child:** What Can We Do?

Seventh Annual Urban Child Symposium

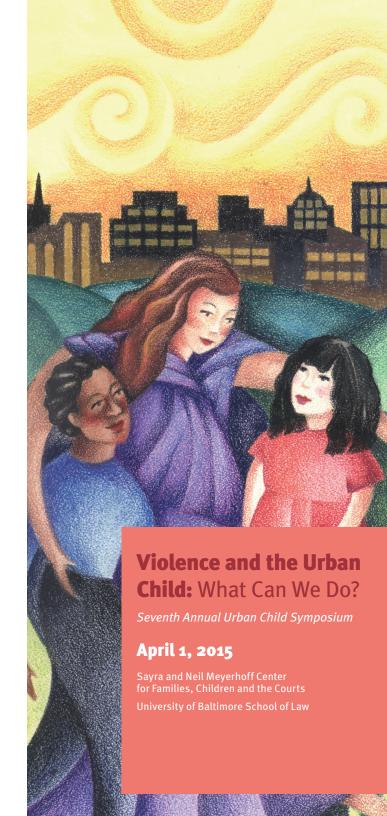
April 1, 2015 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Research indicates that adults who were traumatized as children are more likely to commit crimes. Seeking to avoid this pattern, panelists will discuss how the legal community and others can intervene so that children are no longer engaged in or victimized by violence. Panelists and audience members will suggest programs and approaches that can effectively minimize children's exposure to and commission of violence.

The University of Baltimore School of Law Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts' seventh annual Urban Child Symposium addresses the effects of violence on children, their families and their communities.

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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

There is no charge to attend the conference, but preregistration is strongly recommended as space is limited. To register online, visit **law. ubalt.edu/calendar** and locate the event on April 1. Contact Colleen O'Shea at 410.837.5615 with any questions.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Wyndham Peabody Court Hotel (612 Cathedral St.), which is about a 10-minute walk from the University. To obtain the special conference rate of \$109/night (single or double) plus taxes and fees, call 410.727.7101 and reference Urban Child Symposium-UBALT. There are a limited number of rooms available, so be sure to make your reservations early. For more information about the Wyndham Baltimore Peabody Court, visit www.wyndham.com/hotels/BWIPC.

The most current information about visitor parking at the University is available at www. ubalt.edu/parking.

### **Schedule**

#### 8:30-9 a.m.—Registration

#### 9-9:15 a.m.—Welcome and Opening Remarks

Kurt Schmoke, President, University of Baltimore

**Ronald Weich,** Dean, University of Baltimore School of Law

**Barbara Babb,** Associate Professor of Law and Director, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

#### 9:15-10 a.m.—Keynote Address

#### Nicholas Turner

President and Director, Vera Institute of Justice

#### 10-10:15 a.m.—Break

#### 10:15-11:30 a.m.

#### Panel One: Violence and the System's Response

Outlining the challenges that the criminal and juvenile justice systems face in responding to violence and the urban child, panelists will discuss ways in which agencies, individuals and organizations can work with urban children and their families to break the cycle of violence through enhanced prevention, intervention and accountability efforts.

#### Panelists:

**Sam Abed,** Secretary, Maryland Department of Iuvenile Services

**Anthony Batts,** Police Commissioner, Baltimore Police Department

**Angela Johnese,** Director, Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice, City of Baltimore

**Thiru Vignarajah,** Deputy Attorney General, State of Maryland

#### Moderator:

**Gloria Danziger,** Senior Fellow, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

#### 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.—Lunch

#### 1-1:45 p.m.—Keynote Address

#### Vincent Schiraldi

Senior Adviser, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, New York City

#### 1:45-2 p.m.—Break

#### 2-3:15 p.m.

#### Panel Two: Violence and the Community— A Roundtable Discussion

Over the last decade, community institutions have developed extraordinary innovations to address violence and the urban child. Panelists will discuss ways in which the community can provide support to children who have been victims and/or perpetrators of violence. Panelists will make special note of ways in which the community can meet the emotional, social and physical needs of children involved in violence.

#### Panelists:

**Robert Kershaw,** Associate Judge, Baltimore City Circuit Court

**Greland Lowery,** Gang Prevention and Intervention Specialist, Baltimore City Public Schools

**Diana Morris,** Executive Director, Open Society Institute—Baltimore

**Colin Starger,** Assistant Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law

#### Moderator:

**David Jaros,** Assistant Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law

### 3:15-3:30 p.m.—Closing Remarks, Collection of Evaluations and Thanks

#### **Barbara Babb**