

## **Ninth Annual Urban Child Symposium**

### **Addiction and the Urban Child**

**April 6, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC)**  
**University of Baltimore School of Law**

*Moot Court Room, John and Frances Angelos Law Center  
1401 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201*

Substance use disorders affect over 20 million Americans ages 12 and older. In addition, more than 8 million adults struggle with both addiction and a mental health disorder. Over 60 percent of teens report that drugs are sold, used or kept at their schools. Family dysfunction is one of the major tragic consequences of addiction, including financial and legal problems, child abuse and neglect, and domestic violence. Yet only 10 percent of those who need drug treatment receive it. Many of the remaining millions are involved in the justice system for reasons directly and indirectly related to their substance use disorders.

In its ninth Urban Child Symposium, the Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts brings together experts at the front lines of this critical national issue to examine the science of addiction, as well as the connections between substance use disorders and the legal, social and economic problems faced by urban families. The symposium also explores ways in which our communities can help address the problems faced by families and children whose lives are affected by substance use disorders and dependence.

#### **8:30 – 9 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**

#### **9 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

[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**

[Bridget Brennan](#), Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York

### **10:15 a.m.– 12 noon Panel One: The Science of Addiction**

Panelists will examine the most recent neuroscience research regarding the impact of drugs and alcohol on the brain. They will discuss the disease model of addiction and its characterization as a chronic relapsing disorder. The panel also will address the connections between substance dependence and legal, social and economic problems.

*Panelists:*

[Dr. Hoover Adger, Jr.](#), Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

[Mike Gimbel](#), President, Mike Gimbel Associates, LLC

[The Hon. Ronald Silkworth](#), Chief Judge, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court

[Ivette Torres](#), Director, Office of Consumer Affairs, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

*Moderator:*

[Gloria Danziger](#), Senior Fellow, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

### **12 noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch on Your Own**

### **1:15 – 2 p.m. Keynote Address**

[Peter Bruun](#), Founder, New Day Campaign

### **2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Panel Two: The Community's Response to Addiction**

Panelists will identify the unique challenges faced by families struggling with substance abuse. They will propose ways in which the legal, health, education and civic communities can help address the problems faced by families and children who suffer from substance dependence.

*Panelists:*

[Olivia Farrow](#), Deputy Health Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department

[Dr. Marc Fishman](#), Medical Director, Maryland Treatment Centers, and Assistant Director, Johns Hopkins University Department of Psychiatry

[V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.](#), Executive Director, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

[Vanita Taylor](#), Chief Attorney, Children in Need of Assistance (CINA) Division, Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore

*Moderator:*

Michele Hong-Polansky, Program Manager, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

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

Barbara Babb